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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF February 14, 2005

Members Present: Jim Paige, Brian Greenia, Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg, Shaun Bryer

Department Heads: Tag Taginski, and Mary Ann Wilson

Guests: Heidi Krantz, Ed Wilson

Jim Paige called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility

GUESTS:

Copley Trust was unable to make the meeting and will be rescheduled in March.

Heidi Kranz – presented a listing of projects to be submitted to the Lamoille Economic Council. Heidi and Tag provided background on some of the projects and the Board reviewed the list and discussed how the projects impacted Morristown.

Ed Wilson – read a letter to the Board regarding historical road condition and drainage issues over Frazer Road and a turn-a-round at the Wilson property at the end of Frazer Road. Mr. Wilson requested the Board rebuild Frazer Road and lower the turn-a-round. Discussion was held and the Board directed Tag to study the problem and report back with recommendations and a timetable for addressing Mr. Wilson's concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:
Minutes:

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Greenia the Board accepted the minutes of January 31st and the motion passed unanimously.

Planning Grant Resolution – Tag presented a resolution required by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Planning Grant.

Following Discussion, Cathy Voyer made a motion, seconded by Shaun Bryer, to approve the resolution as presented and have the Chairman sign on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Meeting Schedule/ Pre-Town Meeting – Discussion was held on information that should be prepared for the pre-town meeting on February 22nd and directed Tag to prepare materials the Board could use for reference on the budget and various Articles.

Sutton Zoning Violation – Tag notified the Board that Mark Leonard had issued the municipal ticket on the Sutton property and there had been no communication by Mr. Sutton with the Zoning Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Resignation – The Board reviewed the letter of resignation from Sam Guy, Planning Commission Chairman.

Following discussion, Cathy Voyer made a motion, seconded by Brian Greenia, to accept the resignation of Sam Guy with regret and send him a letter thanking him for his service to the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Highway Department – Tag provided copies of a letter from the Vermont Labor Board indicating the desire of employees within the Highway Department to form union as so indicated by a petition. Further discussion of the issue was moved to executive session.

Morristown Development Corporation – Tag briefed the Board on operation of the Morristown Development Fund. Discussion was held on membership of the Loan Fund Committee and what improvements were needed to ensure the vitality of the fund. The Board asked to schedule Karen Lynch for a future Board meeting.

Fire Department Grant – Copies of a grant application for $116,000 for a Homeland Security grant was distributed and discussed. The board requested Fire Chief Wally Reeve and members of the Fire Department be scheduled to discuss equipment and future grant applications.

SIGN WARRANTS:

Payroll/Accounts Payable – **Motion was made by Shaun Bryer and seconded by Brian Greenia to approve the Warrant as presented for February 14, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Report from TA- Tag presented the FY 2006 budget booklets as prepared by Carol Bradley. Discussed the water problem at the Town Garage. Advised the Board that the Elgin street sweeper was badly in need of repairs and a new/used sweeper may be required.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION:

Shaun asked about sidewalk plowing on Union Street and it was explained that the area could not be plowed with the Town's equipment and the sidewalk was too narrow.
Residents have registered complaints about snow being piled at the Oxbow Park. The Board asked Tag to find an alternate site.
An invoice from Black River Design was presented for payment and following discussion the Board requested a copy of the designs and information developed before paying the invoice.
Brian Kellogg asked about safety issue of an intersection near the Moren Loop. Tag stated the Police Department had studied the area and recommended certain sign improvements that would be addressed in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the petition by the Highway Department to form a union. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Shaun Bryer and seconded by Cathy Voyer to leave executive session at 8:20 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE ACTION:

ADJOURN:
Motion made by Cathy Voyer seconded by Brian Greenia to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this ___ day of February, 2005.

Francis Taginski
Town Administrator