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TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES

DATE: February 9, 1998
PRESENT: Brian Greenia, Chair, Steven Leach, Philip Locke, Lee Sturtevant, Kenneth Grimes and Mary Ann Wilson.
DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Richard Keith, Wayne Camley, William Moulton and David Godfrey.
OTHERS PRESENT: Don Anderson, Scott Corse, Jeff Limoge, Brian Kellogg, Dennis DiGregario, Maria Ward, J.B. McKinley, Craig Squires and John Sullivan.

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Chairman Brian Greenia opened the meeting in the Municipal Conference Room at 6:00 P.M. Members of the **FIRE DEPARTMENT** were on hand to discuss the repairs to the 1968 Maxim Pumper. The truck failed inspection and has been out of service due to brake failure. The Board and the Fire Department are in agreement that the truck should be repaired at a reasonable cost and returned to service as quickly as possible. Alan Shatney will be hired to work on it in the fire station. He is to give the Town a reasonable estimate with a cap at $2,500 before beginning the work. Additionally it was reported that the insulation work at the station has been satisfactorily completed by the participants of the Probation and Parole program.

LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSIONERS

Steve Leach moved and Phil Locke seconded a motion to open the meeting of the Liquor Control Commissioners at 6:20 P.M. Steve moved and Lee Sturtevant seconded the motion to approve and sign the off-premise catering permit for Tomatillo's. Passed. Lee moved and Ken Grimes seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting of the Liquor Control Commissioners at 6:21 P.M.

It was moved by Steve with a second by Ken to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on January 26, 1998 as presented. Passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

Town Report has gone from the printer to the binders. Brad Limoge has indicated it should be back by Feb. 13th in time for the joint School/Selectboard meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. at the Morristown Elementary School Library. Ben Judy of the Dept. of Employment and Training will be on the agenda 2/23/98 to discuss labor that can be provided to the Town at no cost.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

HEALTH: David Godfrey has had some calls on burning rubbish in barrels and will investigate. He is still working on the Lepine's request for a private cemetery. It has been determined that a perpetual care trust will be set up, however, if the funds run out the cemetery becomes the responsibility of the Town by law. Questions still to be answered are: 1. Where will it be located? 2. Who will set up and manage the trust? and 3. Is there a need for a Zoning permit?

HIGHWAY: In the Village, most of the snow has been hauled away. Several of the Town road crew has been ill with the flu. The men have been preparing the sand screen for summer. Jack Currier has painted the face of the welcome sign on Route 100 South. The frame and posts also need repair and paint, and the Board agreed that it should be done in the spring. The bid opening for the budgeted backhoe will be held on 2/23/98 at 6:30 P.M. The bids should include a trade in and a municipal discount. A contractor has approached Bill to fix the front of the Town garage during the off-season. An estimate has been prepared, but the board decided to postpone the work until it is clear that the budget can support the project.

POLICE: Richard reported that there have been about 100 calls per week. The '94 cruiser has been in for a tune up and brake job. The '95 cruiser also had a tune up. Richard advised the board that he would be away on vacation from 2/11 to 2/17 and that Larry Pecor would be in charge of the general operations of the department.

NEW BUSINESS

Don Anderson updated the board on the E911 project. The addressing change over should be completed in a couple of months. Since the departure of Carole Kissinger, Don has been working with Michelle at L.C.P.C. The board was in agreement that under the new procedure for the installation of private road signs, the Town would provide the initial sign and installation. Landowners and/or developers would be responsible for replacement signs and their installation. The Administrative Assistant would be responsible for following up on replacements.

Tom Bjerke submitted the appropriate sign off form for the Act 250 municipal impact questionnaire concerning the addition to Physical Therapy at Copley Hospital. The information will be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator.

The board postponed action on the municipal impact questionnaire for the relocation of the gravel crushing operation for H.A. Manosh.

Craig Squires introduced himself as the new director of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District. He highlighted the budget for FY 99 and explained the various reasons that it had been decreased by $26,965. Residents of the district will be the beneficiaries of new changes to reduce fees and surcharges. He commented that the consensus of the board of supervisors is not to dissolve the district, but to reduce operating costs while still providing mandated services. He advised that on December 1, 1997, Wolcott had requested to operate its own facility independently of the district. However, they must uphold agreements signed by the district, remain a member of the LRSWD, pay the surcharge and abide by the provisions of Act 78. Stowe had contemplated moving out of the district, but it appears that they will remain.

Two bids for the lighting retrofit for the fire department, police department and municipal building were opened. Gould Corp.'s bid for the project was $8024. The bid by Dennis DiGregario was $12,433.04. Due to the discrepancy in the bidding, no bid was awarded, and the board will analyze the figures with the assistance of Scott Corse-Water and Light Superintendent.

Scott Corse of the Water and Light Dept. informed the board that his commissioners were waiting for the completed appraisal from a private consultant regarding the development rights for the Green River Reservoir. A decision cannot be made before the annual Village meeting, so there will have to be a Special meeting to decide the fate of the project. He also confirmed that the Village Trustees had advised him that there were to be no future charges for sewer service at the Maple Street garage. The records will be corrected.

The Zoning administrator advised the board that Vermont Precision has not applied for a local permit for the expansion of its plant. He will advise them that they will have seven days to obtain the necessary permits or sustain fines of $50.00 per day. The board received another letter concerning the Lefevre trailer located on the Stagecoach Road. The concern will be directed to the Zoning Administrator.

John Sullivan presented an interim report of the Lamoille Economic Development Council. The council is on track for attaining its goals, one of which it to locate additional land for more industrial sites. The Morrisville Development Fund and LEDC are working successfully together to encourage economic growth in the area.

A letter was received from the Morristown Corners Water Coop, which included a map showing the source protection area of the water system. The MCWC Board of Directors has requested that they be informed of any land use decisions at the state and local level that may have an impact, and that they are included in any planning and decision process if appropriate.

SIGN PAYROLL: Steve made a motion seconded by Lee, to approve Payroll Check Warrant for the period ending 01/31/98 in the amount of $19,836.62. Passed. Steve made a motion seconded by Lee to approve Check Warrant # ML-7 dated 01/31/98 for all Manual/Direct Pays from 01/01/98 to 01/31/98 in the amount of $61,025.81 and the Warrant for A/P for Unpaid Invoices for Checking Account 02 (General Fund) from 02/09/98 to 02/10/98 in the amount of $19,563.66. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS: The Administrative Assistant hired to replace Carole Kissinger has resigned. Don Anderson will be filling in with help from Mary Ann and the staff of the Town Clerk's Office. There have been two additional applications submitted for consideration.

The board received a letter from the State Highway Dept. to be signed requesting an expanded right of way into the Laporte Road Cemetery before re-construction of the bridge can begin on Route 100 South. Bill Moulton confirmed the calculations and recommended that the board approve the affidavit so that the project can go forward. It was moved by Ken with a second by Steve to sign the affidavit. Passed

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved by Steve with a second by Ken to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss a personnel issue. The board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 P.M. Brian made the motion to hire Maria Ward as the Administrative Assistant for a six month probationary period. Lee seconded the motion, and it was voted unaimously in the affirmative.

With no further business, Steve moved for adjournment at 9:00 P..M. Passed.

Mary Ann Wilson, Scribe
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Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes not approved.