

Town of Livermore

Board of Selectpersons

December 15, 2014

M I N U T E S

Members Present: Megan Dion, Mark Chretien, Rod Newman, Tim Kachnovich, Peter Castonguay arrived at 6:08 pm.

5:45 pm: Public Hearing on General Assistance Maximums

The public hearing was called to order at 5:55 pm. There was no discussion.

The public hearing was closed at 6:00 pm.

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices B and C for 2014/15 as presented; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

2. Approval of the minutes of December 1, 2014, meeting

A motion was made by Megan Dion to approve the minutes as presented; second by Rod Newman. Vote: unanimous.

3. Reports

- a. Fire Department Report

- Chief Castonguay reported some repairs on the squad truck.
- Engine One was painted this past summer.
- The fire department is responding to a lot of accidents (9 during the last storm- mostly on the Crash Road). There have been one near fatal and two fatal accidents on Route 4 this year.
- Chief Castonguay would like to start a first responder team. He has 4 people on the department who are full-time firefighters. One is a certified instructor and will facilitate training in-house. The chief explained what a first responder does. He would like to outfit four firefighters with a kit for their protection. This would cost approximately \$400.00 per firefighter. The training is a 60-hour course with re-certification requirements. He will be including this in his next budget dependent upon the board's opinion. The MMA risk management grant may be a potential source of funds.
- Carrie will call Theresa Timberlake for a CPR/AED certification course.
- CERT Program is recruiting members. Randy Berry is holding training in January 2015.

b. Highway Foreman

- Mr. Ferland was absent from tonight's meeting but asked that Carrie report an item for him.
- Resident, Joe Groomes came to the meeting to acknowledge the letter that was sent to the residents of Keith and Marcus Street. He stated that he has purchased a grader with another resident and it was being repaired this fall so the road did not get fixed. He thanked the road crew for their work and made assurances that the road would be repaired in a timely manner next year.
- Carrie reported that the GMC is continuing to have electrical issues. It will have to be repaired.

c. Treasurer Report

- Ms. Byron reported the excise tax amounts.
- Another abatement and supplement are coming from the assessor and will be presented for board action at the next meeting
- Carrie has called MMA for guidance on a check policy. They have stated that they have no boilerplates for this type of policy and that we will have to search the internet for samples.
- The auditor will be here Wednesday.
- Mr. Byron is going to end of year training on Thursday in Bangor.

d. Administrative Report

- Carrie failed to get an appointment from the board at the last meeting for John Wakefield to the Budget Committee and Tom Posa to the Planning Board. She asked for a motion from the board.

A motion was made by Rod Newman to appoint John Wakefield to the Budget Committee and to appoint Tom Posa to the Planning Board; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

- Carrie reviewed a letter from the Selectmen in Sabattus regarding the County Commissioners' budget decision. She will draft a letter in support of the other towns in Androscoggin County.
- Carrie has sent copies of the Community Center Lease Agreement and the administrative assistant's contract to legal counsel for review.
- We are in need of an additional substitute at the transfer station as well as spare drivers for the highway department. An ad will be placed recruiting qualified applicants.

4. Old business

a. Salt Shed

- Carrie reported that Jim Langlin has agreed to repair the salt shed and the work was to be completed on Wednesday, December 3.

5. New business

a. Junkyard Permit Applications:

- i. Rodney Newman
- ii. Richard Damon

A motion was made by Mark Chretien to approve the Junkyard permits of Rodney and Brenda Newman and Richard Damon as submitted; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: unanimous. Rod Newman abstained.

6. Other

Peter Castonguay stated his concern with the number of overtime hours that the highway department is accruing. Rod Newman made the suggestion last year that the highway go to a four day work week with alternating employees so all five days are covered. Amy explained how the overtime/comp time is accrued. Carrie explained that Mr. Ferland is more knowledgeable of his budget this year than in years past and is aware of the line item balances.

a. William McDougal

On request of the code enforcement officer, Richard Marble, Carrie brought forward a letter noticing Mr. McDougal that court action will be taken in regards to an illegal septic system.

A motion was made by Rod Newman authorizing Carrie Castonguay to send the letter; second by Peter Castonguay. Vote: unanimous.

7. Public Comment

Mr. Hines provided public comment.

8. Executive Session - Personnel Matter, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

A motion was made by Rod Newman to enter into executive session at 6:58 pm, second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.

Exit session at 7:11

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn at 7:11 was made by Mark Chretien; second by Tim Kachnovich. Vote: unanimous.