

TOWN OF LIVERMORE

Board of Selectpersons

MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2017
6:30 PM

PRESENT: WAYNE TIMBERLAKE, MARK CHRETIEN, TIM KACHNOVICH, MEGAN DION, TOM GOULD (6:33)

DEPT HEADS: ROGER FERLAND,

GUESTS: BRENDA MERRILL, FRANCINE CASTONGUAY, DWIGHT HINES, PAM HARNDEN

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2017
 - a. Resident Dwight Hines offered a correction: He has NOT talked to MMA regarding the issues he has with their advice. Megan made a motion to accept the minutes with Mr. Hines correction; Second by Wayne. VOTE: unanimous
3. Reports:
 - a. Town Clerk Report – RENDA GUILD
 - i. NOT AVAILABLE
 - b. Highway Foreman Report – ROGER FERLAND
 - i. Everyone is working well together. Roger would like to have someone part time to operate one of the small trucks. Small storms in April are tough. Small roads are soft – they are using smaller trucks as they don't want to fall into soft spots. Patrick came in over the weekend and rode with Roger. Roger stated he is very mechanical and he is willing to work weekends and nights. Roger and Randy are attending Soil & Erosion recertification class on Thursday. Ben has applied for his certification and should be receiving a certificate in the mail shortly. The crew has been patching pot holes, but can't right now due to the amount of water still on the roads. They will pick it back up next week after snow. They have put gravel in the worst spots. Roger reported they are having issues with the GMC going into derate mode.
 - c. Treasurer Report – AMY BYRON
 - i. Amy reported the March Excise Tax collected to be \$35,947.80 – 132% of the monthly goal and the April Excise Tax collected to be \$4,463.18 – 16% of the monthly goal. Amy reported letters of foreclosure have been sent to two property owners for 2015 Liens. The Tax Acquired Sale will be advertised in the Local Section of the Sun Journal. Amy will set minimum bids to cover the Town's costs and property tax due. There are currently 66 accounts in Lien Status for 2016 totaling \$59,087.60. Six accounts have been paid off since the last meeting. Amy reported that the Workers Comp Audit was conducted today and it went well. The Auditor determined that the Exposure came in

under 2%. There was one exception to be corrected. The Auditor will accept a FAX of the Self-Employment Determination Form for the Contractor involved.

d. Administrative Report – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy attended the RSU 73 Budget Meeting last Thursday. There will be at least two more meetings – one on Thursday, April 6 and one to be determined. Amy has two budget numbers for Counter and Flooring for the Front Office. She reported we may be able to do the Counter this year and the Flooring after July 1. Amy met with Paul from O'Donnell & Associates Friday. Paul feels we are sitting in a good position – although we should prepare for another increase in the Town Valuation due to a Sudden and Severe Devaluation for Jay. Amy has received two applications from Mike Weaver/Carriage House Café – one for his Liquor License and one for Special Amusement. A hearing needs to be set within 15 days. (Deadline – April 14.) She also reported that Monday, April 17 is Patriot's Day – all Town Departments will be closed. Amy will need to receive Timecards by Thursday, April 13.

4. Old Business

a. Roads Update – TOM GOULD

- i. Bryant Road – Tom cannot find any record of a Town Vote to accept Bryant Road as a Town Road. He asked if those in attendance had any information or if it was known as another name.
- ii. Cozy Cove Road – Tom asked if Brenda wanted to delay due to health/family issue. (She said, "No".) Brenda asked again for Lee Bragg's written opinion. She is still waiting for an easement from one person. (This issue will probably not appear on this year's Town Meeting Warrant. She stated she may possibly ask for a Special Town Meeting if she can get the last signature.) She stated the Turn-Around is owned by Brian Walker.

5. New Business

a. Open/Review Cemetery Mowing Bids

i. 3 bids:

1. * Shawn Bryant (Jay) - \$19,600/\$19,600/\$19,600
2. * Michael Webber (LF) - \$24,000/\$25,000/\$26,000
3. * Mike Booker (Jay) - \$16,500/\$16,750/\$17,000

- ii. Mark made a motion to accept the bid proposal submitted by Mike Booker contingent upon proof of insurance; Second by Wayne; VOTE: unanimous

b. Review Truck Budget Numbers - ROGER

i. Budget Numbers on 2017 Volvo

1. Roger reported he received a quote of \$16,000 trade in on GMC. (Warrant Request will be \$170,000 after trade in) Amy presented paperwork from HP Fairfield and Volvo. Tom asked about blue book value on the 2012 Volvo and how many trucks we currently own. (We have been unable to obtain a blue book value on the 2012 Volvo – Amy is still working on it.) Roger stated we own 3 large, 1 medium, and 1 1-ton truck – total of 5 trucks. Tom stated he is concerned about asking the Town's people for more money. Tom said in researching the issue, he had talked with a large company that does not buy new trucks. They don't buy new because of the loss in value when it is driven off the lot. The company owns 19 trucks ranging in age from 1993 – 2005. Tim asked if they get 20% municipal discount. (Mark said, "No.") There was discussion about the distance traveled for warranty work – losing time and money. Why couldn't we shop slightly used? Roger said it was possible, but that the Town hadn't had

good luck doing so in the past. We would need to verify that any used purchase is set up properly for plowing. Mark reminded Board that \$74,000 of \$186,000 is plow set up and body. Tim also stated we aren't set up with tools and a mechanic to work on used equipment...so we would have to pay for outside repair. Megan stated that 20% goes away when it is driven off the lot. Wayne said initial depreciation isn't a real argument – as we won't sell it in a few years – we want a truck we will have for a long time. Resident Brenda Merrill asked if she could provide input. It was allowed. She said depreciation doesn't count; the Town needs dependable vehicles that can open a road. She continued that when payments are spread out, a new truck is a good investment. Tom wants Roger to be prepared for the fact that we could be stuck with the GMC if the voters don't approve a purchase at Town Meeting. There was discussion on the possibility of unloading two trucks (2008 GMC and 2010 International). Tim stated he felt a new truck is the best decision over a 10-year period. We need to educate the public on the issue. Mark agreed - if we had a mechanic, it would be totally different. Resident Dwight Hines asked if we could pool a mechanic with other towns. Mark didn't think that was an option as the person was on the payroll with benefits in another town and that town would take priority.

2. Mark made a motion to present a Warrant Article at Town Meeting for \$170,000; Second by Wayne. VOTE: 3 yes (Mark, Tim & Wayne) 2 no (Tom & Megan)

c. Town Report Dedication Nominations – AMY BYRON

- i. The Select Board reviewed a list of names for the Town Report Dedication. They made a decision. Amy and the Clerks will move forward with that decision.

d. Municipal Clerks Week – AMY BYRON

- i. Amy presented information on Municipal Clerks Week. Mark suggested it be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Public Comment

a. DWIGHT:

- i. New AG in US. Saying right things – wants things done at local level. Improved APP on cell phones to record Law Enforcement Officers doing their duties. Not sure how he feels about video – good idea for country wide database. Dovetails well with other programs.
- ii. United Healthcare – facing huge fine; upcoding
- iii. A lot of money in grants – tax credits for businesses.

7. Executive Session – 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) – Personnel Matters

a. *IN* - 7:43 PM

b. 1- Mark

c. 2- Wayne

d. VOTE: unanimous

e. *OUT* - 7:57

f. 1- Wayne

g. 2- Tim

h. VOTE: unanimous

8. → The Board authorized hiring a Code Enforcement Office for \$19.00 - \$20.00. Amy will notify the selected candidate and negotiate the pay rate after talking with Richard.

9. Adjourn – 7:59 PM