

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2011

PRESENT: Ted Poirier, Scott Littlefield, Mike Polakewich, Angela Cushman, Jim Roberts, Yvonne Shaw

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: John Gay, Wayne Perry

Selectmen Ted Poirier declared the meeting open at 18:00.
Agenda approved by Selectmen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINEES:

1. MMA insurance & Fire Department. Mike Polakewich provided an overview of the meeting held on February 1st with Marcus Ballou, MMA Insurance, Selectmen, Fire Department, Fire Commission and Budget Committee Members from both towns to discuss insurance coverage for the Fire Department. Mike communicated that several concerns were raised during the meeting including: 1) if the Fire Chief is hired by Lyman prior to the Fire Department becoming part of Lyman which liability insurance covers the Fire Chief – Town of Lyman or Fire Department, 2) currently the interlocal agreement states \$2 million liability for the towns when it should state no more than the Maine Tort Act of \$400,000, 3) Fire Department will become part of the workers compensation policy held by the Town of Lyman. The Town of Lyman's rating and costs may be impacted by the experience rating of the Fire Department, and 4) the number of full time employees being hired by the Fire Department.
2. The Fire Department will be presenting their budget on Thursday, February 10th at 6 pm in Lyman. The Selectmen, Budget Committee and Fire Commission from both towns will be present.
3. PACE agreement. At a recent special town meeting the PACE ordinance was passed and approval was obtained from the residents to allow the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Efficiency Maine. A copy of the agreement was given to the Selectmen for review. Mike Polakewich raised some concerns about signing the agreement based on an article he saw in the newspaper. Jim Roberts to conduct some research.

4. Poverty abatement. Selectmen will meet on February 28th at 5:45 to discuss a request for poverty abatement.
5. Snowplowing complaints. The Selectmen reviewed several complaints regarding the snowplowing in town. Mike Polakewich and Scott Littlefield to follow up on complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Committee. A discussion was held regarding the role of the budget committee. The Selectmen would like the Budget Committee members to attend the upcoming Fire Department budget presentation and the Selectmen's Meeting on February 14th to discuss next steps. Angela Cushman to contact Budget Committee members.
2. Town Budget & resident education. Discussion was held regarding educating residents early on regarding the budget. Mike Polakewich will draft a letter to the residents regarding the upcoming budget and potential concerns. The website, news & announcements, front desk and a newspaper article will be used to distribute information to residents.
3. Town Book. After some discussion the Selectmen were in favor of obtaining pricing on a larger annual book. Angela Cushman to obtain pricing.
4. Computer purchase. Angela Cushman communicated that an inventory has been completed on the current computers in the office and it was determined that the tax collector's computer should be replaced. There is money in the budget to replace this computer. **Scott Littlefield made a motion to purchase a new computer for approximately \$540; 2nd by Mike Polakewich. Passed 3/0.**
5. February 21st the office will be closed to observe Presidents Day. Ted Poirier will sign the accounts payable warrant when ready.
6. RSU23 Allocation formula. Angela Cushman communicated that we have not received a response from the RSU regarding the two letters addressing concerns about the current allocation and future allocations. Mike Polakewich to follow up with the Superintendent's office.
7. Tax Collector reporting. Yvonne Shaw, Tax Collector, communicated that there are 90 accounts with a balance due as of January 2011 totaling \$159,293. Excise collected for the month was \$17,795 with 8 brand new vehicles.
8. Waste management. A bid package should be ready for the first week in March, with a due date of March 24th and a decision made by April 11th.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Wayne Perry provided an update on the legislative bids related to Dayton. For the salt shed the DOT, Chair, is looking at funding 5 towns. There is no information on the education bills as there is no Education Commissioner yet. We will probably not get an answer until after July regarding the RSU bill that was submitted on the Town's behalf.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Paquin & Carroll has requested an opportunity to bid on the town's insurance package. The Selectmen are not interested in bidding the insurance at this time.

SIGNED:

1. 02/10/10 A/P Warrant
2. Time off request
3. 01/31/11 Selectmen minutes

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

Dayton Historical Society – request attendance at a future Selectmen’s meeting
Maple Drive paving
Time Warner contract renewal

ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Littlefield made a motion to enter into Executive Session for reviewing a background check for a concealed weapons permit pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 841(2)(E) at 18:00.

Scott Littlefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 18:03.

*Minutes may not be verbatim they may have been paraphrased for clarity.

_____ Ted Poirier, Chair

_____ Mike Polakewich

_____ Scott Littlefield

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