



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF December 14, 2009

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Min Cote, Dave Yacovone and Bob Beeman.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Richard Keith, Chief of Police and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Tina Sweet, Alex Jump, Mickey Smith, Frank Lamphier.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

### **I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions**

1. None

### **II. BUDGET REVIEW**

- 1. Capital Budget Review-** We are about \$100,000 less than last year's budget. Discussed Highway and Fire Equipment Replacement funds. Todd Yando mentioned that there might be more cost savings if we traded the 1 tons in the highway department every 2 years. We get a pretty good deal when we buy them and if we trade them when they are still in good shape with only a few miles on them, then we would have less for maintenance costs and would probably get a higher price for trade. The next truck that would follow this schedule is Mikes Truck in the village fleet. Bob Melfy will check in to what we could get for a trade on it. Selectboard also discussed whether or not we need the \$.1cent increase on the fire capital budget. There really aren't any vehicles that will need replacing soon. Brian felt that we should keep the \$.1cent increase on the Town Meeting Warning because if something happened to one of the trucks and we had to replace it and didn't have the money we would be stuck. It is the residents of the Town that will ultimately decide if they want it by voting for it or not.
- 2. Revenues-** Not much coming in for revenues. Rescue calls are down some. Discussed increasing the charge for plowing the school. Bob will get all the figures together for the Board to look over. Would be handy to have this at Town Meeting also.
- 3. Overall Budget-** So far all looks good, budget is less than last year. There are no Cola increases and no paving included in the proposed budget. If we use the \$15,000 on the sale of the Mason Property and the savings of \$37,500 from the wages & benefits budgeted this year the budget would be \$152,000 less than last year.

### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District-** Introduced Frank Lamphier the new Representative for the LRSWMD Board of Supervisors. Frank discussed his qualifications of being on several commissions and boards. He went to his first meeting last week where they were discussing the budget. He intends to keep the Board updated as to the progress. He also feels that in regards to the discrimination issues he only knows what was in the paper as he was not there so he can't past judgment. He thinks we should not pull out of the district however, because they have a lot going on and a lot to offer the Town. He thinks it would be a

good idea to invite Susan Alexander who is the new contracted manager at LRSWMD to a Selectboard meeting to discuss the issues with discrimination and also the economics of the waste industry.

2. **GMATC Board Representative-** we had no volunteers come forward with the ad that we placed in the paper. Dave Yacovone volunteered to attend the meetings which are every other month.

**Motion made by Bob Beeman. Seconded by Todd Yando to nominate Dave Yacovone as representative to the GMATV Board. Motion approved. (5/0)**

3. **Hearthstone Extension-** Dan is moving forward with the project. He has had a survey completed and a construction estimate from Ruggiano for approximately \$63,000. There are a couple of ways to get the project funded: we can look for grant money from the State finance it through a loan or Dan's recommendation would be to take half of the money from reserves and half of the money from the Morristown Development Fund. The Board agreed that this would be the best way to get the project done.

#### **IV. TA REPORT**

1. Discussed the Lamoille County Court Budget. The Side Judges have put in a raise which is in addition to what they already get for a stipend. Board felt that with the economy that they shouldn't be asking for a raise. There are a lot of people that aren't getting a raise this year. Brian will be attending the meeting on Friday and will mention that we don't agree with that.
2. The Selectboard needs to have their dedication, Selectboard, and Special Recognition reports to Erica by January 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. Will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> to finalize budget at 6PM
4. Regular meeting on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM, will sign warrants and have recommendation for the Zoning/Planner/Health Officer position.

#### **V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Brian Kellogg-** None

**Todd Yando** –None

**Min Cote-** None

**Dave Yacovone-** None

**Bob Beeman-** When are the sidewalks going to be done? Dan says soon.

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minute of 11/30/09 & 12/7/09
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

**Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (3/0)**

#### **VII. PERSONNEL**

**Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session at 8:10PM for Personnel to include Dan Lindley and Scott Johnson. Motion approved. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Todd Yando to come out of Executive Session at 9:00PM. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to give Scott Johnson a pay raise in the amount for .30 cents per hour which brings him to grade 3 step 5 on the Morristown pay plan. Motion approved.**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to adjourn meeting at 9:10PM. Motion approved. (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of December  
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

**Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.**