

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 8, 2014 at 6:30pm
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Keith Labrie & Christy Sirois

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:30pm.

Article 1 – Luke’s Lane

Tabled

Article 2 – Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as amended. All approved.

Article 3 - Financial Reports

Period ending November 30, 2014 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 4 – Emergency Declaration Ordinance

Tabled

Article 5 – Mutual Aid Agreement with Madawaska

The board reviewed the proposed Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement with Madawaska. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve and enter into a Mutual Aid agreement with the Town of Madawaska for Fire Services. All approved.

Article 6 – Town Revaluation

The board discussed the possibility of doing a revaluation and the Town is under any requirement at this time to do one. The item was tabled and will be reviewed at a later date.

Article 7 – Health Insurance Rate Change

The Town’s health insurance policy with the Maine Municipal Association’s Health Trust for its employees had a rate increase of 7%. Ms. Sirois informed the board that the current budget allowed for up to an 8% increase. There are currently 4 employees enrolled in the health insurance program of which two have premiums covered 100% by the town and two are at 85% paid by the town. Also included in the rate increases was the Income Protection Plan which is paid 100% by the town for 4 employees. This product increased 7.37% which was higher than estimated. This product has not increased for at least the last 5 years. No action needed. For the board’s information only.

Article 8 – Building Permit Rate Structure

The Board reviewed the town's current building permit rate structure as well as those of Madawaska, Frenchville, Fort Kent, Perham and Van Buren. The board took no action and the rate structure will continue as is.

Article 9 – Municipal Order 906

The Town's Municipal Order 906 was reviewed. It needs to be renewed on an annual basis to continue to allow tax payments received to be applied to the oldest outstanding tax. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second from Mr. Chamberland to approval the annual renewal of Municipal Order 906. All approved.

Article 10 – Acceptable Payment Policy

The Board reviewed the Town's acceptable policy and minor language was added for clarification of who is charging the convenience fee for the use of credit cards. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to approve the acceptable payment policy as amended. All approved.

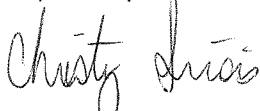
OTHER BUSINESS

Tax Increment Financing District

Labrie Farms is looking to do a solar project on Hillside Rd. Mr. Keith Labrie explained to the Board their proposed project and discussed the possibility of the Town doing a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) that would include their project and also other areas of Town. The Board was given a packet of information by Ms. Sirois that discusses the process of a TIF and the requirements. The Board will review the information and discuss at a later meeting. No action taken.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 12th day of January, 2015.

