

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Held January 7, 2013 at 6:30pm  
at the St. Agatha Town Office**

**MINUTES**

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

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

**Article 1 - Minutes**

November 12, 2012 & December 4, 2012 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

**Article 2 - Financial Reports**

Period ending November 30, 2012 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

**Article 3 – Dispatch Contract Renewal**

The Town has received a renewal contract for dispatch services through the Aroostook County Sherriff's Office. The price has increased by \$52.40. Motioned by Mr. Banville to approve renewing the dispatch contract for 2013 and seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

**Article 4 – Budget Meeting Dates**

Ms. Sirois informed the Board she will have the budget done by the end of March. The first budget meeting with the Board of Selectmen will be April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm at the Town Office. The second meeting with the Budget Committee will be April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and will be held at the KC hall. No action needed.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**St John Valley Planning Commission**

Ms. Sirois attended an informational meeting held December 12, 2012 in Madawaska and updated the board. At the meeting it was announced that the group had 7 communities committed to the Commission (Limestone, Caswell, Van Buren, Madawaska, Grand Isle, Cyr Plantation and Hamlin). With this commitment the group can move forward and begin to put a plan together that includes how the Commission will support its self financially. Those in attendance were also presented with a draft of proposed articles for the Commission to review and provide comments back. No action needed.

### **Maine State Revenue**

After reading an article in the Bangor Daily about the Town of Mars Hill and their windfall with the Maine State Retirement (MainePers) Ms. Sirois looked into the towns statements. The town current has a surplus of just over \$105,000 with the state's retirement plan for Town employees. The town does not pay any month contributions which are instead deducted from the surplus. The Board instructed Ms. Sirois to contact MainePers and find out where the surplus comes from, if it is collecting any interest, if there are any restrictions on the town asking for a refund, and what the annual cost would be for the Town instead of deducting from the surplus. Ms. Sirois will follow up with the Board after she talks with MainePers. No action needed.

### **Unemployment Fund**

Ms. Sirois told the Board that she received the annual premium renewal for the Town's unemployment fund with MMA. For the first time since 2009 the fund has issued a dividend to its members. After the dividend the balance of the premium is \$8 that the Town will have to pay. This just applies to this year and cannot be counted on for any following years. No action needed.

### **Time Warner Cable Franchise Renewal**

Ms. Sirois told the board that she has requested a map of services from Time Warner for the Town of St Agatha. The Board was also given copies of notes from a workshop attended by Mr. Banville on Franchise renewal negotiations. The Board review and bring back to another meeting. No action needed.

### **Fitness Center**

Ms. Sirois made the Board aware of a problem with the motor on treadmill #3 at the Fitness Center. The cost to repair is the same as a new motor. Ms. Sirois told the board she will be ordering a new motor and that Pete in our Public Works will be able to install it. If the budget for the Fitness Center goes over then Ms. Sirois will request to transfer funds from the reserve account to cover the purchase of the motor (approximately \$820). No action needed.

### **Brook Road Damage**

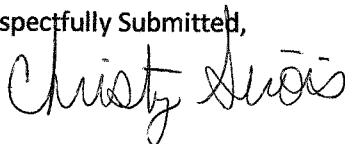
The Board asked Ms. Sirois for an update on the Brook Road damage situation from October. Ms. Sirois told the board she sent a certified letter to the contractor in question and that it was returned about 3 weeks later unclaimed. She sent another letter a week later by regular mail and hasn't received a response. The Board directed her to send another letter and demand a response within 10 days or the Town would purse small claims court. No action needed.

**Ambulance**

The Board asked Ms. Sirois for an update on the Ambulance service in St Agatha. The town was asked earlier to help Ambulance Services Inc. recruit more EMTs in the Frenchville, Sinclair & St Agatha area so that an ambulance could continue in St Agatha. Ms. Sirois informed the Board that she had been told she would be contacted to help with creating an advertisement in joint cooperation with the Town of Frenchville and Ambulance Services. She has not heard anything from either party. The Board directed Ms. Sirois to contact John Labrie of Ambulance Services, Inc. and advise him that St Agatha is ready to do something to help recruit EMTs and we need to know what Ambulance Services, Inc. would like us to do. No action needed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

