

St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting & Public Hearing
July 14, 2014
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES

Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order by Board Chair Dan Bechard. The Board members and Town Manager were the only ones present. No other residents were in attendance. The hearing was to discuss the proposed General Ordinance Appendices to be adopted. No written comments were received. Public hearing was closed at 6:32pm.

Board of Selectmen Meeting

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

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:33pm.

Article 1 - Chairperson

Mr. Banville made a motion to have Dan Bechard continue as chair for the selectmen for FY2015. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All were in favor.

Article 2 - Minutes

June 9, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

Article 3 - Financial Reports

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

Article 4 – General Assistance Appendix A

With no comments received there was a motion by Mr. Chamberland to approve the General Assistance Appendix A. This was seconded by Mr. Banville. All approved.

Article 5 – Proposed Shoreland Zone Ordinance Change

Proposed amendments tabled indefinitely

Article 6 – 2015 Tax Rate

Ms. Sirois presented the Board will final values for real estate and personal property tax along with the final expenses and revenues for the Town. Based on the provided information, if the mil rate stays the same as the prior year, at 18.5 mils, then \$10,000 needs to be taken from surplus. Mr. Chamberland made a motion to take \$10,000 from surplus and set the mil rate at 18.5 per \$1,000. This was seconded by Mr. Banville. All approved.

Article 7 – 2015 Sewer Rates

Ms. Sirois presented the board with the expected revenues to be generated by the current sewer users based on the current fee schedule. The approved expense budget stayed within the expected revenues. Mr. Chamberland made a motion to set the sewer user fee at \$435 per year and that the rate will be \$145 per year for those who have a system not yet 15 years old and lines pass their property. Mr. Banville seconded this motion. All approved.

Article 8 – Grading Island Causeway

Over the last two years the Town has occasionally graded parts of Island Road or the causeway leading to the island for the Pelletier Island Association. The Board approved the occasional use because of circumstances at the time but doesn't want this to continue. The Board instructed Ms. Sirois to write a letter to the Association advising them to make arrangements with a private contractor. No action needed – discussion only.

Article 9 – Joint Fuel Bids

The Town received bids from Daigle Oil Company and JSB. The Board reviewed the bids and determined that Daigle Oil's bid for \$3.36 per gallon with no prepayment requirements was in the best interest in the Town. JSB had a lower bid of \$3.32 but only if the Town prepaid for the year. Mr. Banville motioned to award the fuel bid to Daigle Oil Company at the rate of \$3.36 per gallon. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 10 – Payroll Disbursement Policy

The payroll disbursement policy allows for payroll checks to be released after the signature of one board of selectman. The policy is renewed annual. There was a motion by Mr. Banville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to renew the policy as presented. All approved.

Article 11 – State Fees Disbursement Policy

The State Fee Disbursement policy allows for payment of any State fees to be released after the signature of one board of selectman. Mr. Banville made a motion to approve the renewal of the policy and this was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

Article 12 – MMA Legislative Policy Committee Ballot

The Maine Municipal Association (MMA) election ballot for the Legislative Policy Committee was presented to the Board with a listing of the candidates and their background. For St Agatha's district

three individuals are running but only two seats are available. Two of the candidates have served on the committee before and are known to the Board and therefore, Mr. Banville made a motion for St Agatha to cast a vote for Donald Guimond of Fort Kent and Christine Therrien of Madawaska. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

MMA Executive Ballot

The Maine Municipal Association (MMA) annual election ballot was presented to the Board with a listing of the candidates and their background. Each candidate is running unopposed for his/her seat. The seats available are Vice President (1 year term) and three Executive Committee Members (each a 3 year term). There was a motion by Mr. Banville for St Agatha to cast a vote for each of the candidates listed in their respective seats. This was seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved. The Board also noted they were pleased to see an individual from Aroostook County on the ballot.

KC Bottle Club Licenses

The Bottle Club license for the Knights of Columbus (KC) is due for renewal. The license is required by the State of Maine to be approved by the municipality before the State will review it. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland and a second by Mr. Banville to approve the renewal of the license. All approved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Siros,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 15th day of September, 2014.

