

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Monday January 4, 2016 @ 6:30 pm  
at the St Agatha Town Office  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard and Gary Picard.

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

**Article 1 – To Consider the Minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting.**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the December 7, 2015 minutes as presented. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 2 – To Consider the Financial Reports for the period ending December 31, 2015.**

The Board reviewed the financial reports presented by the Town Manager. There was some discussion on the Part Time Payroll, and Sewer Accounts going over budget. The Town Manager informed them that these overages were due to the training of the new Clerk by the Part time clerk, and also that the sewer department overages were due to pump failures, I & I work, and the purchase of 40 sewer manhole risers for the RT 162 paving project. All of these were unforeseen, and not budgeted for.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the financial reports as presented. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 3 – Renewal of Payroll Disbursement Warrant**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to sign the Payroll Disbursement Warrant. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 4 – MMA unemployment fund refund.**

Informational, no action taken.

**Article 5 – Town of Frenchville Sewer Payment request.**

The Board reviewed the response letter from Frenchville on the sewer issue.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to table the issue until our April Board meeting, which would allow us time to get budget and actuals figures, flow data, user rate information and audited O & M sewer reports for 2014 & 2015, from both communities. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 6- Red Arrow Snowmobile Club sponsor request.**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the membership request of \$35.00. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 7- MMEHT 2016 Health Plan Rates**

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the 2016 MMEHT health insurance rate increase of 6.25%. Informational, no action taken.

**Article 8- Town of St Agatha overtime policy review.**

The Town Manager presented the Board with overtime policies of surrounding communities in comparison of our own. The Board reviewed these policies, and found them to be consistent with our own overtime policy.

No action was taken on this article.

**Article 9 – Long Lake Library request to host future BOS meeting.**

The Town Manager informed the Board of the Library's request to host a future Board of Selectmen Meeting.

The Board agreed by consensus to accept the Library's offer.

**Article 10 – MMA Workers Comp. 81% rate increase for 2016-2018**

The Town Manager briefed the Board on the Workers Compensation rate increase for 2016-2018. This is the result of a claim in 2014. The 81% increase is in the experience modification rate, the actual premium rate increase is 68%. The board was made aware that this increase will cause an overdraft to our workers comp. account, as Workers Comp. operates on a calendar year, as opposed to our fiscal year of June 30 to July 1.

**Article 10 – CEO Proposal by Madawaska & St Agatha Town Managers.**

The Board had a chance to preview the CEO proposal from the Madawaska & St Agatha Town Managers prior to the Board Meeting. The terms of the proposal were acceptable by the Board, and Dan Bechard presented an Interlocal Agreement that he drafted for this position.

A Motion was made by Dale Chamberland to accept the CEO proposal and Interlocal Agreement drafted by Dan Bechard.

Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 12 – Community Defibrillator grant application.**

The Town Manager gave a brief summary of the Defibrillator grant, and this equipment would be accessible to the public 24/7. The device could house in a heated, alarmed cabinet in the front of the Town Office, and a security camera could be added for surveillance. The Board expressed some concern

about vandalism, or theft of the device, but added that we may be able to figure something out to prevent this from occurring.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to authorize the Town Manager to apply for the grant. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 13 – Resident request to speak before the Board of Selectmen, complaint against Public Works employee.**

The resident who filed the complaint did not show up to the Board meeting. There was no action on this article.

**Articles taken out of order:**

**Article 14 – Fire Dept Chief Guerrette meet with Board to discuss fire truck purchase options.**

Fire Chief Guerrette met with the Board to present information and options of rebuilding the old tanker truck, and purchasing a new or used one. Chief Guerrette explained that used fire tanker/ pumpers that meet our specs that aren't too old are hard to find. The Chief explained that the old tanker no longer passes inspection because that tank supports are rusted out. Dale Chamberland asked if the reason the truck didn't pass inspection was limited to the tank, and not the truck itself. The Chief said yes. Dale asked the Chief to get updated pricing on replacing the tank. Dan Bechard asked to keep getting quotes on used tankers, even for ones that don't meet our current "pump & roll" specifications. The Chief agreed, and it was decided we would meet again at another Board Meeting.

**Other Business:**

**KC Hall bottle club renewal license.**

Chairman Banville presented the Board with a Bottle Club renewal application that needed Board approval.

Dale Chamberland motioned to approve the license. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Closed winter roads permit application**

The Board was informed that the TNT Road Co. had opened the Pliene Rd. for a logging operation. The TM informed TNT that St Agatha has a "closed winter roads ordinance", and that they would need to fill out a permit application, as well as provide "proof of additional insured" to the Town of St Agatha which would cover damages to the roads by the contractor. Dale Chamberland mentioned that TNT was on the Chamberland Road as well. The Town Manager indicated that the Chamberland Rd would be added to the permit.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve & sign the permit. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm

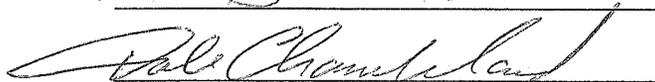
Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,  
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2016

  
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