

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Monday February 3, 2016 @ 6:30 pm  
at the Long Lake Public Library  
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 January 4, 2016 meeting.**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the January 4, 2016 minutes as presented. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 2 – To Consider the Financial Reports for the period ending January 31, 2016**

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

**Article 3 – Guided tour of Long Lake Library by Jackie Ayotte.**

The Board visited the Library with Jackie Ayotte giving a tour, and history of the library. The Board was impressed with what the Library had to offer, and thanked Jackie for the invitation to host a Board of Selectmen meeting, and tour.

**Article 4 – Appointments of Board of Appeals; Josh Babin, Brandon Berce, and Alan Michaud.  
Terms expire in January 2019.**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to appoint Josh Babin, Brandon Berce, and Alan Michaud. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 5 – Appointments to Board of Appeals; Duane Theriault, Gary Boucher, Jacques Blais, and Jason Daigle.**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to appoint Josh Babin, Brandon Berce, and Alan Michaud. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 6- Approval of Aroostook County Sheriff's Dispatch Service Contract.**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve and sign the dispatch service contract. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 7- Frenchville / St Agatha sewer issue, correspondence from Frenchville to initiate mediation process.**

The BOS has reviewed the correspondence from Currier & Trask representing Frenchville on the sewer matter, and also the engagement letter from Ed Bearor from Rudman & Winchell in Bangor. The TM & BOS discussed the issue of the outstanding balance, and also the larger issue of the MOU (memorandum of understanding) as being so poorly written that it was misunderstood, and that the MOU was supposed to be reviewed and amended at a minimum annually, which has not yet happened. The BOS decided that it was in the best interest of the Sewer Dept. to hire Rudman & Winchell to represent St Agatha in the matter.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to hire Rudman Winchell to represent St Agatha on the sewer issue. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Article 8- Mileage reimbursement rate approval.**

The Town Manager presented the BOS the IRS mileage reimbursement rates for 2016, which decreased from \$.057 in 2015 to \$0.54 in 2017.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the mileage rate @ \$0.54 for 2016. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Article 9 – COLA discussion and approval.**

The Town Manager presented the BOS an updated CPI COLA chart for 2017, as well as a 15 year COLA Wage amortization of the town's employees. The 2017 CPI COLA for 2017 is -.9%, a negative value, therefore the BOS could not peg employees wage adjustments to the COLA as has been past practice.

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland for a 1% pay increase for town employees for 2016. Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Article 10 – New Plow Truck discussion.**

The BOS reviewed four prices for three truck models from three truck dealerships, as well as plow equipment options from HP Fairfield.

The lowest price for a truck was from Daigle & Houghton for a Western Star for \$102,919.00. HP Fairfield provided St Agatha with different options for dump box packages, metal versus stainless steel, slide in sander, or a box with a built in sanding system, as well as road speed control software and a liquid calcium application system. Earlier in the previous week, a presentation by ME LOCAL ROADS was given in St Agatha to the BOS on new winter roads application methods and technologies. ME LOCAL ROADS emphasized using automated road speed control & liquid systems in addition to sand/salt, or just salt applications as a means to improve the effectiveness of road treatments, also to reduce sand and salt usage.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to purchase the Western Star truck, and to use option 4 from HP Fairfield which includes a stainless steel side discharge dump box, ground speed control, and liquid spray system. The BOS asked that the TM contact HP Fairfield for more information on various ground speed control configurations and pricing.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 11 – ST Agatha Sewer Dept. Report.**

The town manager presented the BOS with the Town's first sewer dept. report. The TM implemented a plan to track pump-station hours as a means of tracking where sewage originates within the sewerage conveyance system. As part the plan, the TM developed an excel workbook to data-log pump-station hours & convert pump hours to gallons pumped. The workbook analyses data, and determines how many gallons of effluent went through the different sections of the sewage conveyance system for a specific time period. This workbook program will allow the town to follow flow trends, and identify I & I sources during wet weather. In addition to this flow surveillance system, the TM will provide to the BOS a monthly report generated from this workbook.

**Article 12 –Lakeview Restaurant / Angel Fest Game of Chance License Application.**

The Lakeview Restaurant has applied for a Game of Chance License for the upcoming poker run put on by Angel Fest which generates money for the Edgar Paradis Cancer Fund.

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

**Article 13 – Lakeview Restaurant Liquor License Application**

The Lakeview Restaurant has submitted a renewal liquor license application for BOS approval.

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

**Article 14 – Madawaska / St Agatha CEO position.**

The BOS reviewed the Madawaska/ST Agatha CEO inter-local agreement.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve & sign the CEO inter-local agreement.  
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 15 - Other Business.**

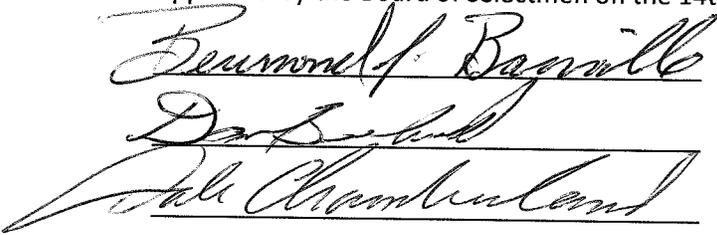
No other business.

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 14th of March, 2016

  
The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are arranged vertically. The top signature is the most legible and appears to read 'Bernard J. Bayville'. The middle signature is less legible but appears to start with 'D. ...'. The bottom signature is also less legible but appears to start with 'John ...'.