

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
April 10, 2017 @ 4:00 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 4:00 pm

**Article 1 – To Consider the Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017.**

Beurmond Banville and Dan Bechard pointed out a few typos in the minutes.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the amended minutes of March 9, 2017.  
Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 2 – To Consider the Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017.**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017.  
Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 3 – To Consider the General Ledger Report, Revenue & Expense Summary, and Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2017.**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the period ending March 31, 2017 financials.  
Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 4 – Presentation by the Town of Madawaska for Ambulance Services.**

**This Article was taken out of order.**

Ryan Pelletier, the Town Manager for Madawaska met with the Board to give a presentation and offer for Ambulance Service for the Town of St. Agatha. Mr. Pelletier delivered a printout of a PowerPoint presentation with facts about the Madawaska Ambulance Department, staffing, and also took questions from the Board. The Proposal for services is based on a cost per runs of \$268.92 for a 35-call average that equals \$9412.20 per year. Mr. Pelletier indicated that Madawaska is willing to enter into a multi-year agreement for that price.

**Article 5- Monthly Sewer Report.**

The Board reviewed the monthly sewer report, no action was taken on this article.

**Article 6 – Aroostook County Tax Bill.**

The Board reviewed the 2017 Aroostook County Tax Bill of \$77,380.50.

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

**Article 7 – BOS Council Resolution for the Cedar Specialties Economic Development Business Assistance Grant.**

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to approve the Council Resolution.  
Beurmond Banville seconded the motion, Dale Chamberland abstained.  
The motion passed.

**Article 8 – Long Lake Motor Inn Liquor License Renewal**

A motion was made by Dale Chamberland to approve the license renewal.  
Dan Bechard seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Article 9 – Security Camera System Pricing for the Town Office.**

Tabled by consensus to the Budget Committee Meeting.

**Article 10 – Discussion on the Boat Marina, survey findings, funding.**

The Town Manager presented the findings of the Marina use survey done online. The survey results were not as good as we had hoped, which could be due to the cost of docking fees, or maybe the survey didn't quite reach as many people as intended. The Board mentioned discussing this with the Budget Committee on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April to get their collective opinion on the project.

**Article 11 – Discussion on the Fitness Center Facility & Equipment Upgrades.**

The Town Manager informed the Board that he was not able to put together a cost estimate for the upgrades due to his current workload. The Board decided to take up the article at the next BOS meeting in May.

**Article 12 – Presentation by Ambulance Services Inc. for Ambulance Services.**

**This article was taken out of order.**

ASI director John Labrie, Janelle Hurd, and Dr. St Peter attended the BOS meeting to take questions from the Board in regards to the ASI Proposal for services at a cost of \$20,215.00 based on valuation for FY18. Mr. Labrie explained to the Board the subsidy history of ASI, and that ASI has done the Town well by not asking for a subsidy during the past ten years. The Board questioned the ASI officials on staffing levels, responses times, and indicated to ASI that the Valuation Based Subsidy was not favorable to St Agatha due to our lakeside valuations. Mr. Labrie mentioned that if the Town of St Agatha were to choose Madawaska for services, then ASI might not respond to St Agatha in the event that Madawaska's

ambulances were all out on calls. The Board did not engage in that discussion, and after ASI left the meeting, the Board discussed at length the proposals from both entities.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to accept the Madawaska proposal for a period of three years. Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Article 13 – Discussion Regarding Debt Payoff and Undesignated Surplus.**

The Board reviewed updated loan payoff figures provided by the Town Manager. The Town would be looking to pay off three loans being; MMBB# 3 Pelletier Island TIF, the 2016 sidewalk loan at Acadia FCU, and the 2016 plow truck loan also at the Acadia FCU. The total payoff cost for these loans on August 1, 2017 will be \$299,167.22, which will save the Town \$38,122.14 in finance charges over the next ten years. The payoff of these loans would be made from the undesignated surplus which would have to be approved at the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The debt payoff reduction would reduce the Town's tax commitment by \$44,532.22 each year.

A motion was made by Dan Bechard to put the loan payoff plan on the FY18 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Dale Chamberland seconded the motion, all were in favor.

#### **Article 14 – Office Copier/ MVR Capable Proposals.**

No action was taken on this article, will need more information from Northern Business Solutions on the lease agreement if it is a lease to own, as well ask about a trade in price for our old machine.

#### **Article 15 – Proposal by the Lane Corporation for Paving Town Roads.**

The Board reviewed a proposal by the Lane Corporation for paving a portion of Brook Rd., all of Chasse Rd., a portion of Bouchard Rd., Lakeview Drive, James St., and the Housing St. The proposal for the approximate 3-mile project came in at \$332,263.00. The Babin family attended the meeting, and asked that the Town consider paving Bouchard Road due to dust and mud issues associated with the high volume of truck traffic coming out of the Theriault Gravel pit. The Town Manager discussed with the Board the condition and age of the roads, as well as the availability of funds from reserves for road projects.

The Town will have approximately \$260,000 in reserves after the FY18 reserve appropriations, therefore there will not be enough reserve funds to fully fund the Lane proposal.

No action was taken on this article, and the Board asked that we get pricing from Lane to pave half of Chasse Rd. in need of paving, as well as the Lakeview Drive, and also for a roughly ¼ mile portion of Bouchard Rd. in the location that was previously paved.

#### **Article 16 – To Consider Any Other Business Before the Board.**

- Beurmond mentioned that Mark Dumond from DOC talked to him about St Agatha & Frenchville doing a joint fuel bid purchase of heating oil & fuel. Mark explained that both Town's would benefit from this as it would allow him to lock up a larger "block" of

fuel at a better price. Mark indicated that Frenchville is open to doing this with St Agatha.

The Board Agreed to the Joint Fuel Bid with DOC by Consensus.

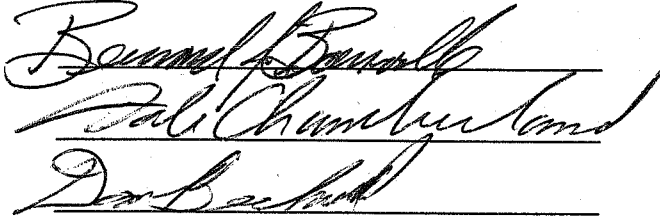
- The Town Manager asked the Board to consider for the Town Report Dedication, Maude Marin, the Town's most recent Centenarian. The Board Agreed by Consensus, and Beurmond recommended that we ask Terry Ouellette to write something up on behalf of Maude for the Town.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Picard,  
Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, 2017.



The image shows three handwritten signatures in cursive script, each written over a horizontal line. The signatures are: 1. Bernard Bonnell, 2. Paul Chamberland, and 3. Dan Beaudet.