

St Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting

August 7, 2017 at 6:30pm

At the St Agatha Town Office

MINUTES

Article 1: To consider the meeting minutes of June 10, 2017
Motion by Dale, seconded by Dan, all in favor to approve the 6/10/17 meeting minutes

Article 2: To consider the general ledger report, revenue and expense summary and investment report for period ending July 31, 2017
Motion by Dan, seconded by Dale, all in favor

Article3: To discuss new Public Unit Deposit Pledge and Agency Agreement from Acadia FCU
For informational purposes only. The Town Manager explained how the old pledge for additional financial security was called, therefor resulting in Dave Desjardins (President of Acadia FCU) going out to find a new bond to use as financial security for the Town of St Agatha funds. This new pledge is effective till April 2018. At that time Dave will discuss with the Town options for further coverage.

Article 4: To consider insurance opt out stipend for Theresa Albert
Theresa had asked for \$100 a week to help with insurance costs until January 1st, 2018 at which time she would join the Town's insurance plan through the open enrollment period in November. Selectman Dale discussed with the board that the insurance opt-out stipend was adopted for a \$75 per pay period amount and that it should remain the same for everyone. Motion by Dale, seconded by Dan, all in favor for a \$75 per pay period insurance opt out stipend for Theresa Albert.

Article 5: To consider Fiscal Year 2018 Mil Rate options
The board was presented, by the Town Manager, 3 different options for FY 2018 mil rates. The board decided to go with the lowest mil rate option. Dropping it from 19.25 to 18.75. Motion by Dale, seconded by Dan, all in favor. Post vote discussion to ask Tony Pinette or Bob Gingrass as to why our overall valuation would have gone down. Will follow up next meeting.

Article 6: To consider Team Hailey's Hugs proposal to make September State recognized as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"
The Town Manager explained that there are 26 towns who have already adopted this. This is not going to cost the town money but merely spread the word to help with Childhood cancer awareness. Motion by Dan, seconded by Dale, all in favor to have the Town Manager draft up a proclamation in support of this movement.

Article 7: To consider Church Restoration Campaign Update

For information only.

Article 8: To consider yearly stipend for E911 Addressing Officer and Health Officer

Andrew Dube was approached earlier in July for the possibility of him providing these services to the Town of Saint Agatha. He was recently appointed as Health Officer for the Town of Madawaska for an extra \$2500 per year. The Town Manager explained to the Board that if you divide 2500 by approximately 4000 residents you get a result of .625. If you multiply .625 by approximately 750 residents in the Town of Saint Agatha you get a result of \$468.75. She went on to say that should the board decide on a stipend for Mr. Dube for both the Health Officer and the E911 Addressing Officer, she would suggest a \$500 stipend per year. These appointments would fall on the same pay schedule as our Fire Warden and Beaver Control Officer. She also suggested that this stipend be made payable to Mr. Dube instead of being included in our interlocal agreement with Madawaska for Code Enforcement services since he would not be able to provide services for these two appointments during Town of Madawaska hours. Motion by Dale, seconded by Berm to accept the \$500 per year stipend for Andrew Dube, opposed Dan.

Article 9: To review letter from James Chasse

The board and Town Manager discussed the concerns raised by Mr. Chasse and by consensus decided not to take any action on these concerns by reason being no laws exist against it.

Article 10: To consider quote for new pump from Atlantic Pump and Engineering, update on DEP and consider meeting with Frenchville

The board and Town Manager discussed how it would cost just as much to fix our old pump as it would for a new one. Motion by Dale, second by Dan, all in favor to order a new pump from Atlantic Pump. Upon receiving the new pump, we will send out the second pump for evaluation. Chairman Banville and the Town Manager will discuss available dates at the end of September to meet with the Town of Frenchville.

Article 11: To consider quote from UniFirst for Public Works uniforms

By consensus the board is not interested in purchasing uniforms for public works

Article 12: To consider bids for overhead doors for the public works garage

After reviewing all bids motion by Dan, seconded by Dale, all in favor to go with the quote from PDQ Doors if the original quote still holds from February and to include the 3inch track.

Article 13: To consider FY 2018 sewer rate

The Town Manager explained to the board that costs for the sewer department are exceeding the finances we have available. Numbers ran in the red last year and are on track to be in the red again this year due to the pumps not being maintained and now

needing to be repaired/replaced. She also explained that funding for sewer repairs may be more easily available to the Town from DEP should the sewer rates reach "crisis" amounts. She suggested to the board to raise the sewer rate from the \$466 per year original amount set for FY18 to \$500 per year. Motion by Dan, seconded by Dale, all in favor to raise the sewer rate.

Article 14: To discuss contract with Town Manager for probationary period

Motion to go to executive session by Dan, seconded by Beurmond, all in favor at 7:23pm

Executive session ended at 7:32pm with no post executive action.

Article 15: To consider the election of a chairman

Motion by Dan to appoint Beurmond Banville as continuing chairman of the board, seconded by Dale, all in favor.

Article 16: To consider any old business

The Town Manager presented the board with an updated FEMA grant breakdown from Fire Chief Guerrette

Article 17: To consider any other business

The Town Manager presented the board with a copy of the Airport yearly audit

Selectman Dan discussed with the board to publicly recognize Rec Director Lisa Bosse for her continued outstanding work with the Rec program. He also suggested a monetary bonus for Lisa. Motion by Dan to approve a \$750 bonus, seconded by Dale, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn from Dan, seconded by Dale, all in favor 7:40pm