

St Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting

November 6, 2017 @ 5:00pm

At the St Agatha Town Office

AGENDA

Chairman Banville will call the meeting to order

- Article 1: To consider the meeting minutes of October 9, 2017
  - Article 2: To consider the general ledger report, revenue and expense summaries and monthly sewer flow report for period ending October 31, 2017.
  - Article 3: Period of public participation
  - Article 4: To discuss status of two remaining ground water infiltration accounts
  - Article 5: To discuss setting a sewer rate and meeting with Frenchville
  - Article 6: To discuss contract items for Marina Slip Renters
  - Article 7: To consider real estate tax abatement for Joseph Vinagro
  - Article 8: To consider real estate tax abatement for Mark Humphries
  - Article 9: To consider plan for second pump repairs, future sewer options and future help with the sewers
  - Article 10: To consider Town Manager's contract
  - Article 11: To consider possible changes to employee Insurance benefit plan
  - Article 12: To consider St Agatha Park and/or Gazebo being used for private events
  - Article 13: To consider alternative donation to Angle Snowfest
  - Article 14: To consider any old business
  - Article 15: To consider any other business
- Adjournment

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MINUTES

Those present: Aubrie Michaud, Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Andre Gendreau, Paul Pare, Vincent Morneault

Called to order by Beurmond Banville at 5:00 pm

Article 1: To consider the meeting minutes of October 9, 2017

Chairman Banville asked for clarification on the wording of discussion on article 4. The Town Manager will edit the minutes and redistribute at the next board meeting.

Motion by Dan Bechard

Second by Dale Chamberland

All in favor to approve the meeting minutes of October 9, 2017

Article 2: To consider the general ledger report, revenue and expense summaries and monthly sewer flow report for period ending October 31, 2017

Chairman Banville questioned an expense under community development postage. The Town Manager explained that it was an error and had already been corrected.

Motion by Dale Chamberland

Second by Dan Bechard

All in favor to approve the reports

Article 3: Period of public participation

Paul Pare addressed the board about concerns he had about excessive dust on Morneault Rd. He expressed that he is interested in building a house but would like a guarantee for dust control on Morneault rd.

The Town Manager and Board of selectmen explained to Mr Pare that not all conditions are acceptable to spread calcium on the road. Ideal conditions would be after a light rainfall but this was an exceptionally dry summer with little to no rain.

Vincent Morneault requested to have ¼ mile of Morneault Rd paved and that would also help with the dust.

Chairman Banville assured both Mr Pare and Mr Morneault that we would look into the situation and consider both options.

Article 4: To discuss status of two remaining ground water infiltration accounts

The Town Manager updated the board that there still have not been any repairs made to the two remaining accounts and that both accounts are being assessed the bi weekly offense fees.

Article 5: To discuss setting a sewer rate and meeting with Frenchville

The Town Manager expressed that after a month of waiting she still had not heard from the Town of Frenchville regarding the letter/meeting to set the sewer rate. She expressed her opinion that both parties sharing equal ownership of the sewer agreement that it would be within our right to notify the Town of Frenchville that the Town of St Agatha will input the flow figures into the MOU formula to come up with a sewer rate and set a meeting date that the Town of Frenchville would be made aware of and will be welcome to attend. The Board of Selectmen were in agreement of this plan of action. Dan Bechard will meet with the Town Manager to calculate the formula and will set a meeting date.

Article 6: To discuss contract items for Marina Slip Renters

The Town Manager and the selectmen discussed items that should be included in the contract for Marina Slip renters. Chairman Banville suggested that the Town Manager contact Sebago Lake and Greenville (Moosehead lake) to question if they have a Marina and obtain a copy of their contracts.

Article 7: To consider real estate tax abatement for Joseph Vinagro

Motion by Dan Bechard

Second by Dale Chamberland

All in favor to approve tax abatement

Article 8: To consider real estate tax abatement for Mark Humphries

Motion by Dan Bechard

Second by Dale Chamberland

All in favor to approve tax abatement

Article 9: To consider plan for second pump repairs, future sewer options and future help with the sewers.

Pump #1 has come back from Atlantic pump with a new motor. Our existing motor was still in good condition. Andre Gendreau suggested to the board that we put our old motor on the new pump, order a new (spare) turbine to attach to the new motor so that we have a complete set up should something go wrong with both pumps at the same time. Dan Bechard asked for a quote for just the motor and just the turbine separately. Andre will get this information for the next meeting.

The Town Manager discussed with the board that sewer maintenance costs are exceeding revenues at this point and she would want to start exploring efficient

upgrades to the system. She further explained that there are monies available through DEP for upgrades to the sewer system. Together with Andre they explained to the board that a big expense to the sewer system is the upkeep with the grinder stations. The Town Manager had contacted Woodard and Curran to discuss various upgrades to the system in place now. Upgrades that included making Cleveland Rd a gravity fed sewer and upgrading all the grinder stations on Island Rd (a \$3,000,000 project). Andre also suggested using "non-clog" grinders in the grinder station and will talk to Brent Bridges at Woodard and Curran to see if it's possible and the cost associated with it. Andre also asked the board if it would be possible to think about getting per diem help with the sewer. The board agreed to discuss that more when the FY19 budget started being discussed.

Article 10: To consider Town Manager's contract

Motion by Dale Chamberland

Second by Dan Bechard

All in favor

Article 11: To consider possible changes to employee insurance benefit plan

(this item was taken out of order)

The Town Manager explained to the board that the Town Clerk Theresa Albert was looking for employment elsewhere due to the high insurance costs to cover herself and her husband. If she were to opt-in into the POS-C plan her weekly net pay would be \$47. The Town Manager presented the board with various other options of benefits we could offer employees using the Town of Fort Kent as one model and the Town of Madawaska as another. The board decided that since a change in coverage was not budgeted for, that they would be willing to offer Theresa the same contribution as the POS -C plan if she took a smaller plan. The Town Manager will discuss this with Theresa and add a possible change in coverage to the discussions for the next budget.

Article 12: To consider St Agatha Park and/or Gazebo be used for private events

The Town Manager received a request to use the park or the gazebo for a class reunion. The class asked if they could put up a party tent if they needed to the night before and remove it at the end of the event. The Town Manager wanted to discuss with the selectmen as to what has been allowed in the past. They explained that being public parks then the public could use them for events as long as if there was damage to the grounds it would be repaired by the party using the park.

Article 13: To consider alternative donation to Angel Snowfest

The Town Manager explained that Jason Daigle requested in exchange for the usual monetary donation the Town makes to Angel Snowfest that instead the Town could provide payload services to push snow back to allow for extra parking for this event.

This article is tabled till the next regular board meeting

Article 14: To consider any old business

There was no old business

Article 15: To consider any other business

The Town Manager asked the board to approve the ne GA Maximums

Motion by Dan Bechard

Second by Dale Chamberland

All in favor

Dan Bechard asked the Town Manager to contact DOT regarding the run off from Flat Mountain Rd on to Main St during a rain event. She will request that DOT come up with a plan for repairing the ditching to allow for proper run off.

Motion to adjourn by Dan Bechard

Second Dale Chamberland

All in favor 6:53pm

Approved by the board of selectmen on December 4, 2017

