

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 12, 2015 at 3:00pm
at the St. Agatha Town Office
MINUTES**

Present: Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard, Kevin Lavoie, Percy Thibeault, Suzie Paradis, Linda Picard & Christy Sirois

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 3:02pm.

Article 1 – Citizen’s Petition for Ambulance Service

The Town received a petition from the residents of St Agatha with 82 signatures. The petitioners are concerned because there is no ambulance stationed at the St Agatha Town Office. The Board does feel this is an important issue and has tried to work with ASI (Ambulance Services Inc) to find other solutions. The issue is one of having trained staff available in the St Agatha and Frenchville area that can respond to calls. The board discussed the issue and will set up a meeting with ASI, who is our provider. Representatives from Frenchville and Sinclair will also be invited to the table to discuss the situation to see what can be done to bring an ambulance back to our area. No action needed.

Article 2 – Soccer Field Update

Mr. Kevin Lavoie provided the Board with an update on the soccer field project off of Luke’s Lane. The project was a three year commitment with the Army Core of Engineers. Year 1 – field work, year 2 – road work and year 3 was parking and landscaping. Part of the extended length of the project is an unknown water table that was found which required a large amount of material being added to the site. This year (2015) is the last year that the Army Core will be able to work on the project. The project will be finished over long weekends with no 2 week block periods. Mr. Lavoie was assured by the Army Core that they would not leave the project undone. Mr. Lavoie feels their project work is 95-98% complete. Tasks still to be completed besides the earth work includes a new platform that EMERA will be installing for the electrical service, after which the lighting work can begin. It is estimated the project will need \$30,000 for the poles and lights. There are efforts to get poles donated by EMERA and research grant opportunities. No action needed.

Article 3 – Airport Update

Tabled

Article 4 - Minutes

December 12, 2014 – Motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to approve the minutes as written. All approved.

Article 5 - Financial Reports

Period ending December 31, 2014 – Motioned by Mr. Chamberland and seconded by Mr. Banville to approve the financial reports as presented. All approved.

Article 6 – Financial Audit for FY14

Tabled

Article 7 – Budget Meeting Dates

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting on March 5 to review the draft budget for FY 2016. A meeting with the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen will be held on April 20 at 7pm.

Article 8 – TIF District

The Board questions Mrs. Paradis on TIFs and the State requirements including deadlines. There is a deadline for February 27, 2015. The board identified possible areas/businesses to include in a TIF project. The project cannot be more than 5% of the Town's acreage. Ms. Sirois will contact the State in regards to more specific questions the board had and also work on a proposed map for the board to discuss at a meeting to be held in the next two weeks. A public hearing and Town Meeting is also required as part of the application to the State. No action needed at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Services Dispatch Contract

The 2015 Fire Services Dispatch Contract was received from the Aroostook County Sheriff's office. There was an increase of just under \$60 from last year. This contract is for dispatching the Fire Department in the case of an emergency and also includes one test a week. There was a motion by Mr. Chamberland and a second by Mr. Banville to approve the 2015 dispatch contract with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office. All approved.

Lighting Efficiency

There are rebates currently available for efficiency lighting through the State of Maine. Ms. Sirois obtained a quote from Ken L Electric and to replace the old fixtures to new LED bulbs would cost \$18,819 without labor. If the Town receives all of the eligible rebates the net cost would be \$1,559. The Board is in favor the replacement if the rebates can be obtained. Ms. Sirois will contact Efficiency Maine to see the status of the rebates and if funds are readily available. There was a motion by Mr. Banville to approve moving forward with replacement of fixtures at the Town Office and Fitness Center and waiting to see the status of rebates and funds before proceeding with the other buildings. These two buildings were identified with most savings and least cost. All approved.

Sidewalk Improvements

The Town would like to replace the existing sidewalks with new curbing and pavement on Main Street. The Maine DOT will be paving Main Street this summer and this a great opportunity. Ms. Sirois received a quote from Lane Construction for just under \$122,000. This quote

assumes only 1/3 of the curbing will need to be replaced. The State estimated a cost of \$129,900 with full curb replacement but different unit costs. It is hard right now to estimate paving costs but this helps with a cost idea. The Town can chose to partner with the State and have this project bided out with the paving project. There is an out clause that if the bid comes in 10% or more the town can decline to continue with the paving project. The project would be paid in part by funds in the sidewalk reserve account and then a loan. The Town just finished paying the 2006 paving note and would do another 10 year note. Based on \$120,000 loan the payments would be approximately \$14,300 and a \$90,000 loan would be \$10,700. There was a motion by Mr. Barville and a second by Mr. Chamberland to enter into an agreement with the State for the sidewalk replacement. All approved.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 9th day of February, 2015.






