

**St. Agatha Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Held December 4, 2012 @ 6:30pm  
at the St. Agatha Town Office  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Beurmond Banville, Dale Chamberland, Dan Bechard & Christy Sirois

Chairman Bechard called the meeting to order and established a quorum at 6:30pm.

**Article 1 - Minutes**

Tabled. Ms. Sirois advised the board that she had forgotten an item on the minutes and will bring the minutes back to the board next meeting.

**Article 2 – Town Clerk**

Ms. Sirois informed the board that 15 applications were received and 3 candidates were interviewed. Her choice for Town Clerk is Mrs. Lynn Tardif from St. Agatha. Motioned by Mr. Chamberland to affirm the Town Manager's choice and seconded by Mr. Bechard. Two were in favor and one opposed.

**Article 3 – Tax Abatement**

Board of Selectmen meet at the Board of Assessors and approved a tax abatement for RF Chamberland. This request was submitted by Ms. Sirois. The town inadvertently taxed the business for 2 trailers that qualified for exemption under the BETE program and should have been submitted to the state for reimbursement. The abatement was requested for 2012 & 2013 for a total amount of \$3,378.10. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Bechard to approve the abatement requests. Two were in favor and one abstention.

**Article 4 – Municipal Order 906**

Ms. Sirois asked the board to consider renewing the 906 order which state that any tax payment received will be applied to the oldest outstanding tax first. The Town currently has the order in place and it needs to be renewed on an annual basis. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to renew Municipal Order 906. All approved.

**Article 5 – Mileage Reimbursement**

Annual the mileage reimbursement for travel is set based on the IRS rate. The IRS has set the 2013 rate at \$0.565 per mile. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to set the FY2013 mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.565 and directed Ms. Sirois to check the rate on a quarterly basis to see if it decreases and if so then the Town will also. All in favor.

**Article 6 – Time Warner**

Tabled. Board will gather more information and review at a later time before making any decisions.

## **Article 7 – Sewer Department**

Ms. Sirois informed the board that she received a memo from Woodard and Curran that states their opinion of what the daily operation requirements will be for the Sewer Department after the project is completed. Ms. Sirois will use the memo to guide her when working on the budget for the upcoming year. No action needed.

## **Article 8 – Board Appointments**

The Board of Appeals has one member up for reappointment – Brandon Berce. Ms. Sirois spoke with Mr. Berce and he is agreeable to remaining on the Board. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to appoint Mr. Berce to another 3 year term on the Board of Appeals. All approved.

The Planning Board has one member up for reappointment – Jason Daigle. Ms. Sirois spoke with Mr. Daigle and he is agreeable to remaining on the Board. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to appoint Mr. Daigle to another 3 year term on the Planning Board. All approved.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Post Office**

Ms. Sirois provided the Board a copy of the flyer that will be sent to all residents . The flyer was created by Ms. Sirois to inform the residents about the change to the Post Office hours and how residents can continue to support the post office to prevent any further cuts in hours. The Board felt this was a proactive approach to keep the residents informed and help promote the post office.

### **Resident Request – Cleveland Road Sewer Project**

Mrs. Lagasse’s request from the prior board meeting was brought back to the Board. Ms. Sirois informed the Board that she spoke with Mrs. Lagasse and informed her of the Board’s decision and Mrs. Lagasse stated that they (contractors for the project) dug up her driveway and put a new culvert when they passed the sewer line. Ms. Sirois is bringing this back to the board because of the new information. The Board reviewed the plans and in light of the new information changed its decision. Motioned by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland to pay half of the repair cost, \$250, for Mrs. Lagasse’s driveway. All approved.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 per 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter per motion by Mr. Banville and seconded by Mr. Chamberland. All approved. Open session was declared at 7:50 with no action taken as a result of executive session.

The Board asked Ms. Sirois what the status was of the planned joint advertising with the Town of Frenchville for the upcoming EMT course with hopes of recruiting more individuals from St Agatha and Frenchville to keep the ambulance active in those communities. Ms. Sirois stated she spoke with Mr. Percy Thibeault and someone from Ambulance Services would be getting in touch with her but she hasn't heard from anyone. She will follow up with Mr. Thibeault.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Sirois,

Town Manager

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

