

Minutes
Millville Board of Selectmen
June 21, 2000
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall
7:00 P. M.

Present: Selectmen Les Davis ,Chair, Ken Gikas, Vice-Chair , Lincoln E Barber III, Sect'y Jennifer Dean , C. Althea Czarn. Town Counsel, Att'y Theresa Dowdy and Executive Secretary, Alden W. Jefts acting as Recorder.

This meeting was a reconvening of the Selectmen's meeting of May 25,2000 held to discuss the form and content of the Police Chief's report of the May 11, 2000 incident on Ironstone Street. Therefore the Police Chief and his Attorney, Michael Ackerson were present for the deliberation of the Board.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and gave a brief explanation of the procedure to be followed. He explained that it was a meeting of the Board with Chief Ryan to deliberate the form and content of the Chief's report and that the Board might take any appropriate action after deliberation. He further stated that the meeting would be conducted in a professional and curteous manner, that only the Board would speak and no one from the audience would be recognized constant with normal procedure.

The Chairman then introduced the members of the Board , the Chief and Att'y Ackerson. and stated that comments and concerns relative to the report would be made by each Selectman with any recommendation. The Chair would then ask for discussion and any Motion if one was forthcoming.

The comments began with Selectman Barber who stated that after review he had:

- Problems with the Chief's actions in taking the information and dispatching Discrepancies

- Time frame of the individual reports which became known 5 days later

- Problems with the Chief and his attorney's comments as to the individual who reported the" man down"

- He believes there should be some kind of reprimand

Comments of Selectman. Czarn

- Why did the Chief not take Mr. Richard to the site?

- She believes a reprimand in order

Selectman Gikas

- He agrees totally with Selectman Barber

Selectman Dean

Sees lack of judgment

Non-professional manner in which the Chief handled the report as well as directives of the Board

Believes a Reprimand of some sort in order.

Chairman Davis

Concern over leadership displayed

Concern over inconsistencies in the report

Poor leadership, would have expected more from the Chief with his experience

Believes a suspension in order

Asks Board if there is discussion or is there a Motion.

Selectman Czarn, when no discussion appeared moved the following:

I move that a letter be drafted that states the various problems with the Chief's performance which have been raised during this deliberation and that the Chief be suspended for a period of three(3) days without pay no later than July 15, 2000. Further that a Committee of two Selectmen become the liaison with the Police Department and that the Chief shall be instructed to respond to the liaison in a timely and professional manner regarding police department policies.

Seconded by Selectman Gikas Unanimous vote in favor.

The Executive Secretary was advised to consult with Town Counsel who will prepare the letter for Board signature .

Motion to Adjourn by Selectman Dean, second Barber Unanimous in favor
Meeting Adjourned at 7:09PM

Respectfully Submitted

Alden W. Jefts, Executive Secretary acting as Recorder

Approved

Leslie Davis, Chairman

Kenneth Gikas, Vice Chairman

C. Althea Czarn

Jennifer Dean

Lincoln E. Barber, III , Secretary