

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 22, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

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Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman Roland Barrett, Secretary Charles Poulin and Selectman John Laura

Board of Selectmen Members Absent: Selectman Bob Baker

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Fire Chief Mullaly; Police Chief Landry; Deputy Fire Chief Clement; Fire Lieutenant Furno; and various other members of the Millville Fire Rescue.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to call the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the Board should handle the recent resignation of the Fire Chief who is retiring as of September 10, 2011.

Chairman Petrowicz understands that the Deputy Fire Chief is interested in the position but in light of the fact he currently is employed full-time there are concerns about lack of day time presence. Deputy Clement indicates that he works Mon-Fri from 9am-3pm and would only be in Town after 4:00 and on Saturdays.

Chief Mullaly indicates that he had a full-time job for many years while acting as part-time Fire Chief. He feels the work can be done at night and that the Deputy is ready to step in.

Lt. Furno indicates that he is here everyday from Mon-Fri, 8-5. He provided a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen indicating his interest in being appointed as Fire Chief. Lt. Furno feels times have changed and fire codes have increased. He feels he can do the job and is prepared to do whatever it takes to get the job done. He would be looking to bolster the revenue and recruit more members. He would be looking to bring the ambulance to the ALS level. He also understands this would not be a union position.

Chief Landry feels that both Deputy Clement and Lt. Furno are qualified individuals; however, should the Board decide to look beyond these two individuals, he would ask to be considered. Although he does not have a fire background, he has a strong background in management and administration and is very familiar with public safety. He feels it is time to unite both departments and it may be time for the Board to look outside the box. He does not feel that status quo is how the Town will survive these days.

Chairman Petrowicz acknowledges there has been tension in the Fire Department for many years and asks both Deputy Clement and Lt. Furno how they would handle the situation.

Deputy Clement feels there are bad apples and it would be a tough situation when he will not be there during the day.

Lt. Furno would sit everyone down and bring everyone together for the good of the community and department. He would improve morale and is willing to work at it to get it done.

When asked what they felt about restructuring the position, both Deputy Clement and Lt. Furno felt they could work with Chief Landry as an administrator.

Chief Landry feels the restructure could work by the delegation of additional duties.

Brian Mullaly knows the current Fire Chief has tried to improve morale but can only get so far with what you have. He feels the Fire Department could benefit from Chief Landry as administrator; however, also feels that the department will be losing a person as the current Fire Chief is hands on.

Town Counsel has advised that the Town must rescind the local acceptance in order to restructure the position. Can Chief Landry just be appointed strong chief? How would this affect the liability the community?

Chief Mullaly feels appointing Chief Landry as Fire Chief would be a travesty since he does not have a fire background. Chief Mullaly believes the Town must adopt another MGL with respect to running the department. He plans to bring in an individual who will enlighten the Board.

The Executive Secretary advises that Selectman Baker respectfully requested he be in attendance before a decision is made. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m.

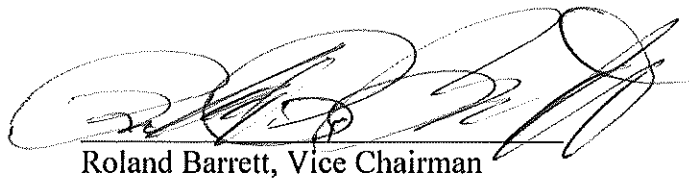
The Executive Secretary will have additional information for the next meeting.

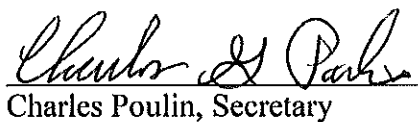
On a motion by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen M. Coffin


Thomas J. Petrowicz, Chairman


Roland Barrett, Vice Chairman


Charles Poulin, Secretary

John Laura, Selectman