

**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 7, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin; Millville Finance Committee Members Ouellette, Rapoza and Herrick; Chief Landry

The meeting is called to order at 6:10 p.m. at the Millville Town Hall.

The purpose of the special meeting prior to the Board's regular meeting is to discuss the Public Safety Stabilization Fund which is included as Article 2 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Paul Ouellette would like the Chief's recommendations as to the percent of income to be deposited in said account as well as the maximum capacity and how it will be spent.

Discussion follows regarding the various items that the monies will be used to fund. Chief Landry reviews the equipment and items that will need to be repaired/replaced over the years. Specifically, he averages the Police Department will need a new cruiser every 1½ years.

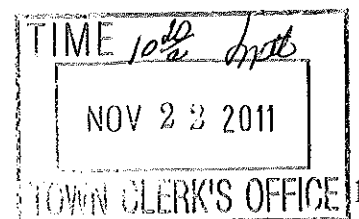
Selectman Laura feels the Chief needs to work towards having the cruisers last longer as the Town does not have the money to replace them.

Chairman Petrowicz understands that the Chief is trying to preserve a certain amount of money for capital items. He feels this is a good step and the Chief's argument is sound.

The Article as written indicates the funding at 50% of Ambulance Receipts. All parties are in agreement to this percentage. Discussion follows regarding capping the amount. The parties agree that placing a cap is not necessary. When the Finance Committee feels there is an adequate amount of money in the account it will make it available to the Capital Planning Committee. The Capital Planning Committee will then determine the priority in which the funds should be spent. It is decided the start date will be January 1, 2012.

Town Moderator Les Davis advises that the Chief will make the Motion at Town Meeting and present the article. The Finance Committee will need to amend the motion to include the start date of January 1, 2012 and make its recommendation.

The special meeting adjourns at 7:10 p.m.



At 7:10 p.m. the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen calls to order the Board's regular 7:00 p.m. meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

ANOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Day is this Friday, November 11th. Chairman Petrowicz reads some statistics obtained from the Office of Veterans Affairs. There are 21.8 million veterans in the United States. We are losing approximately 750 WWII veterans each day. Please take time to give thanks to those who served our country.

MINUTES/WARRANTS

October 24, 2011 (7:00 pm)

On a motion by Barrett and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Minutes of October 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. {Poulin abstains}

Warrants

On a motion by Laura and second by Poulin, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve and sign the Warrants as read.

PUBLIC FORUM None.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Norman Thuot submitted his resignation from the Board of Registrars.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Barrett, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to accept the resignation effective October 20, 2011.

The Town Clerk asked that the Board of Selectmen provide a list of possible replacements.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter is received from the engineering firm of Cushing, Jammallo & Wheeler indicating that the necessary paperwork was filed with DEP in connection with the oil leak at the fire station. Chief Landry reviewed the paperwork. The Board agreed that the situation was handled very professionally and the Town is fortunate that it wasn't much worse.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

The Town Accountant has advised the new tax rate has been set. The Board must now hold the annual Classification Hearing. Communication has been sent to the Board of Assessors. The Hearing will take place either November 21st or December 5th.

A request was received from National Grid and Verizon to relocate a pole on Chesley Street. This hearing has been scheduled for November 21st. Abutters were duly notified and the Hearing was published as required.

The Mendon Dispatch negotiation meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 12th.

Work on the Salt Shed is progressing. Work on the interior is complete. The roof is being replaced now and the staining of the building will begin later this week. This work is all covered by insurance.

Once the work on the Salt Shed is complete, the roof on the small shed will be replaced.

The Board previously voted to remove shrubs at the corner of Esty/Lincoln Streets. The resident subsequently visited the Town Hall. He was very angry and verbally advised that he would file a lawsuit against the Town if this work proceeded. With the advice of Town Counsel, the Executive Secretary postponed the removal of the shrubs but authorized the pruning and cutting back of the shrubs. The Police Chief and Tree Warden met with the resident and came to a mutual agreement. The Executive Secretary recommends the Board rescind its original motion to remove the shrubs until further notice. If the resident does not keep the shrubs pruned, the Board can revisit the matter at a later date. Lengthy discussion follows regarding the advice of Town Counsel and liability to the Town.

Chairman Petrowicz feels that since an attempt was made by the resident to improve the situation, he would agree with the Police Chief and Executive Secretary that the Board should stay on the side of caution and rescind the previous vote.

On a motion by Petrowicz and second by Laura, the Board votes by majority vote to rescind the previous Motion made to remove the shrubs, to be revisited in the future if necessary. {Poulin, nay; Barrett, nay}

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES

Chief Mullaly has asked for clarification as to whether the Board wishes him to remain on the MEMA Department as a member. He was previously directed to return the keys to the Town Hall.

Chairman Petrowicz feels it would not be in the best interests of the Town for the former Chief to remain on the MEMA Department at this time. Vice Chairman Barrett feels the new Director should have the opportunity to select his own staff.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to accept the resignation of Chief Mullaly as Director extended to his membership on the MEMA Department, with the understanding that if the former Chief is interested in serving he should speak with the new Director; the Board of Selectmen can consider an appointment at the new Director's recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

Cable Advisory. Attorney Brackett advised the Town to appoint Special Counsel to work with the Cable Advisory Committee on cable franchise negotiations. He suggested Attorney Bill Solomon. The Cable Advisory Committee supports this recommendation.

On a motion by Laura and second by Poulin, the Board votes unanimously to appoint Attorney William Solomon as Special Counsel to the Town of Millville for the purpose of working with the Cable Advisory Committee on cable franchise negotiations. {Barrett abstains}

Cultural Council. The Town received the FY12 Standard Contract for the Cultural Council grant of \$3,870.

On a motion by Laura and second by Poulin, the Board votes unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the Cultural Council Standard Grant Contract for \$3,870.

Washed Sand Bid. The Board reviews the bids received for the Washed Sand. Discussion follows regarding the quality of the product. The Highway Surveyor had the sand test and it meets to his satisfaction.

On a motion by Laura and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to award the Washed Sand for the 2011-2012 winter season to Pyne Sand & Stone at \$12.22 per ton delivered.

BMMA Toll Day. A request was received from the Blackstone-Millville Music Association seeking to conduct a Toll Day on Saturday, November 26, 2011.

On a motion by Baker and second by Poulin, the Board votes unanimously to authorize the toll day providing that the Town's Toll Day Safety Regulations are followed and pending the signing of a General Release and Indemnification Form.

Snow Parking Ban. The Board places a Snow Emergency Parking Ban on town reads each year. Due to the early snow event, it is recommended this be done effective immediately.

On a motion by Barrett and second by Baker, the Board votes unanimously to implement the Snow Emergency Parking Ban effective immediately through April 1, 2012.

2012 – Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates. The Board reviews the proposed schedule. It is recommended that the Board amend its schedule for January, February and April. The Board will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays rather than 1st and 3rd due to scheduling conflicts.

On a motion by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board votes unanimously to approve the 2012 Board of Selectmen Meeting schedule as proposed.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

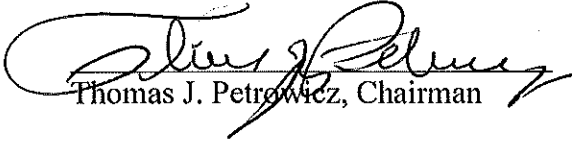
Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

ADJOURN

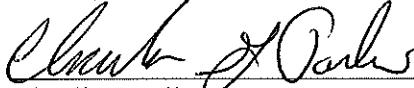
On a motion by Poulin and second by Laura, the Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Helen M. Coffin


Thomas J. Petrowicz, Chairman

Roland Barrett, Vice Chairman

Robert Baker, Selectman


Charlie Poulin, Secretary

John Laura, Selectman