

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 24, 2009

PRESENT: Evan Grover, Dennis Abbott, Cindy Moore, Jon Gale, Nancy Brandt, Pam Witman, David Lowe, Frank Allen, Sheriff Ouellette, Chief Bors and Dustin Holden.

Selectman Abbott opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPOINTMENTS

6:00 – Sheriff Ouellette addressed the board regarding stimulus money going to the COPS Office. Explained that previous the grant was 75% - 50% - 25% and this grant is for 3 years paid in full with no match plus benefits. The fourth year the town would pick up the cost. The cost to the town for the first three years would be approximately \$18,000 to cover the cost of the car, insurance, fuel, weapons etc. The fourth year that would go down significantly because the car and equipment would be paid for so we would be paying salary, insurance, fuel and cell phone. Reported that 13.441% of County Tax is for patrol services equally \$46,000. Feels that this grant is a good way for the town to get a second contract deputy. Stated that the federal government wants an answer by April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 am. He is looking into it but thinks he can lock in the funds until we can have town meeting. There would be a one year commitment after the three (3) years.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Reported that she is busy with budgets and has prepared a spreadsheet based on last Thursdays meeting for review prior to this weeks meeting.
2. Reported that she has started on the warrant.
3. Reported that there is a bill before the legislature to authorize municipalities to impose service charges to tax-exempt property owned by certain organizations whose primary activities are not charitable.
4. Reported that there will be a public hearing on Thursday regarding Excise Tax in Augusta.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Moved committee appointments to next week to allow time for the ad to come out in the paper for the Economic Development Committee.
2. Chief Bors reported that there is another meeting tomorrow at 6 pm at Central Station on 911/PSAP. He had drafted several sample letters notifying PUC & DPS of our intent but now needs a commitment on which direction the board wants to go. Reported that Sanford will charge \$6.50 per capita while Gray will charge \$8.50 per capita. Going with Sanford each town will have one vote on an advisory board. Stated that he is very comfortable going with Sanford. Motion by Selectman Moore and seconded by Selectman Gale that barring any unforeseen problems we go with Sanford. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Discussed the attendance of committee members and Selectman Gale suggested sending a letter to all members of committees stating that there are several members below the required 75% attendance. Agreed that the letter should state that we know circumstances change but if they are unable to meet the required 75% attendance then perhaps they should consider stepping down so they can be replaced. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to write the letter and send to committee members. Vote 4-0-0.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to continue with the supplemental bill to Carthage Lumber as presented by Mr. Daigle. After hearing arguments from Patrick Strout,

Maine Forest Products Commission, Don Winslow, Forester, Jim Katsiaticas, Attorney, Paul Fortin, Carthage Lumber and board voted 4-0-0 to proceed.

2. Discussed the pawn brokers ordinance and Nancy reported that Natalie is making revisions. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Moore to table until next week.
3. Motion by Selectman Gale and seconded by Selectman Grover to authorize the franchise extension to August 1<sup>st</sup> as recommended by Tony Vigue.

**OTHER**

1. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to sign the warrants for bills and payroll. Vote 4-0-0.
2. Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Moore to accept the minutes of 3/17/09 as written. Vote 4-0-0.
3. Selectman Abbott read the reminders.

**DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Pawn Brokers Ordinance
2. Committee Appointments
3. Public Hearing – General Assistance
4. CEO appointment
5. Elect chairman pro tempore

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Selectman Grover and seconded by Selectman Gale to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

**SIGNED:**

1. Warrants for bills & payroll
2. Minutes of 3/17/09
3. Supplemental Tax

**APPROVED:**

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