

Town of Livermore Falls
Office of the Board of Selectman

Louise Chabot
William Demaray
Alphonso Barker

Jackie Knight
James Collins

James Chaousis II, Town Manager

Agenda
Select Board Meeting
Monday June 15th, 2009
Municipal Building
6:30 PM Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Select Chairperson of the Board
3. Consideration of minutes from meeting June 1st, 2009.
4. Old Business
 - A. Bonding Policy
5. New Business
 - A. Voting results
 - B. Ted Berry Proposal
 - C. Treasurer's Year End Report to date
 - D. Treasurer's Warrant Policy renewal
 - E. Employee wage increase request
 - F. Paving Bids
 - G. Plow Truck bids
 - H. Municipal Office closed 6/30/09 and 7/3/09
6. Additional Business
 - A. Public Session
 - B. Quit Claim Deeds/Supplements/Permits/Abatements
 - C. Sign Warrants
7. Executive Session-1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations
8. Adjourn

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Attendance: see attached and Jim Chaousis

Select board Present- Jackie Knight, William Demaray, Alphonso Barker, James Collins, and Louise Chabot

The meeting was opened by Louise Chabot, whom welcomed the newly elected members of the board.

A brief explanation of the appointment of this year's selectboard chair was made by the town manager. Jackie mm to appoint Louise Chabot as the selectboard chair for the next fiscal year, James s. 5-0

Consideration of minutes from June 15th, 2009, Jackie mm to accept, Louise s. 3-0

Old Business

Bonding Policy: The town manager has made the changes to the bonding policy that the board wanted. The town manager recommends approval of the revised amendments to the policy. Jackie mm to amend the bonding the bonding policy to reflect the changes proposed, Alphonso s. 5-0

New Business

Gary Knight: Representative Gary Knight gave the public a legislative update. LD 1495, a tax package, was approved in the waning moments of the legislation session. There is a bond package for \$150M, with \$50M for highway and bridge construction. He was in favor of the bond package and will support it during November referendum. LD 285, the school consolidation penalty delay, sits on the governor's desk. Finally the Wausau severance package legislation, that prevents taxing the severance of mill employees, was killed. The board asked about the revenue shortfalls that that will be imposed on the town from the state level. Representative Knight explained that there were a lot of areas that were cut at the state level that will have a direct impact on municipalities and land owners. Mr. Knight also explained that Rte 133 and Rte 4 paving is still on schedule, especially if the bond package is approved.

Voting Results: The town manager gave a quick review of the voting results for all warrant articles, selectboard positions, and school board positions.

Ted Berry Proposal: The town has been presented with a proposal from Ted Berry Co that has a three year plan to clean storm drains. The town manager gave the board information detailing the history of storm drain cleaning. Bill Nichols explained that this will make that aspect of budgeting easier. The board recognized some advantages to this method. Jackie mm to accept the Ted Berry proposal, James s. 5-0

Treasurer's year end report: Kristal made note that two accounts were over budget, buildings and GA.

Treasurer's Warrant Policy Renewal: The town manager explained that this an annual policy renewal that allows the treasurer to get one signature from the board for payroll and state fees. Louise mm to sign the treasurer's warrant policy, Jackie s. 5-0

Employee wage increase request: Bill mm to table the nonunion employee wage increase request to a further date, Jackie s. 5-0

Paving Bids: With information that the town manager had previously given the selectboard, he explained that Manzer Inc had provided the lowest paving bid. The town manager and the selectboard also recognized the effort the Bill Nichols put into preparing the town to receive such a favorable bid on these services. James mm to accept the Manzer Inc bid for paving, Jackie s. 5-0

Plow Truck Bids: With information the town manager had previously given the selectboard, he explained that Freightliner had made the most favorable bid for both of the plow trucks the town required. Bill Nichols explained that the International truck proposed was a smaller truck than what the town specified, although less expensive. The board asked questions about the use of the 4X4, and Bill explained that it would be primarily for the "tree" streets. The board wanted to know if these are the trucks that the highway department wants, and Bill acknowledged yes. James mm approve the bid for the two Freightliner trucks, Jackie s. 5-0

The town manager recommended tabling the equipping bids until a later time. Bill mm to table the bids for equipping the trucks until further investigation of new information was done, Jackie s. 5-0

Office Closed 6/30: The town manager informed the board that the office would be closed the entire day for year end close out and training.

Interim Financing: The town manager approached the board to secure interim financing for the sewer department portion of the route 4 project. Interim financing will be necessary to pay for the engineering portion of the project until the USDA funding is available. Bill mm to allow the manager to accept bids for interim financing for the Rte 4 sewer project, Jackie s. 5-0

Trash Committee: The town manager explained to the public that the trash committee has started to look at some of the poorly kept properties in town and has had progress. Names and property locations are sensitive, so details aren't made available, but the manager wanted to assure the public that this is going on.

Public Session:

Mark Smith approached the board about a bill that he has received from the town for taking property out of tree growth. Paula Coombs, the former Livermore Falls CEO at the time, was present. She explained that they wanted to build on property and she was approached by the Smiths. She approached MMA, who advised her that they did not have to take the land out of tree growth, and that the fine shouldn't be submitted. Due to the turnover in all positions at the town the Smiths were worried that this bill was incorrect. Harry Dwyer, the forester that designed the plan, claims that there is no way that one of the acres could have been in tree growth. The board directed the town manager to get together with the assessor to explore this problem. The board wants to know if there are any discrepancies and if an abatement applies.

Bill mm to sign warrants and enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (D) Labor Negotiations and 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matters, James s. 5-0

Bill mm, Jackie s, adjourn

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