

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Selectmen Office

April 28, 2014

Present: Chairperson Laleme, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Culver, Selectman Fiorentino.

Chairperson Laleme opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

Chairperson Laleme said Greg Colby has been rescheduled until May 12th.

Tom & Mary McGlaulin came before the Board to give a presentation on auctioning properties. Mr. McGlaulin said they get 10% of the sale and pay all advertising costs out of the 10%. He explained that they hang up posters on the property, do a mailing to abutters, and hang up posters at various locations. Mr. McGlaulin said they need to have a 30 day time frame before the sale to walk the lot, and advertise. He said there is not a fee for parcels that do not sell.

Chairperson Laleme read a request from Adair Inn for permission to serve liquor in additional areas on their property. Selectman Blanchard moved to grant permission for liquor to be served in the living room and on the wedding lawn. Chairperson Laleme seconded. Chairperson Laleme said when the fire wall is built they can grant permission for the basement. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the Fraternal Order of Eagles to hold raffles. Chairperson Laleme moved to grant permission for the Fraternal Order of Eagles to hold raffles. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairperson Laleme said the former owner of the Mt. Cleveland Road parcel communicated with the Town his intent to repurchase his property so because of this permission for the environmental study will be put on hold. It was noted that we received the intent to repurchase on April 17th and the RSA says payment in full needs to be within 15 days.

Chief Ho-Sing-Loy came before the Board to let them know he is down a cruiser because the 2007 has a blown engine. The Chief told the Board that Littleton Chevrolet has a used 2002 cruiser with 57,000 miles on it for \$3,700.00. He said it would cost approx. \$1,000.00 to outfit it. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy said he has also looked into prices for a new cruiser and North Country Ford gave a quote for a lease for \$32,250.00 including being outfitted with lights. It was discussed that there is \$26,112.52 in the Capital Reserve for Police Cruiser. The Chief explained the lease could be 2 – 5 years and can be paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly and there is a clause for non-appropriation that they will take the vehicle back if funds are not appropriated. He also said at the end of the lease the cruiser can be purchased for \$1.00. There was discussion about concern for buying the used one and how it might not last and how 50,000 miles are put on the cruisers yearly. The Chief said a new cruiser wouldn't be available until the end of

the year and he needs a cruiser ASAP. The Chief was asked to get another quote for a new cruiser. Chairperson Laleme moved to buy the used cruiser and to take the \$3,700.00 out of the capital reserve and take the cost of outfitting it out the budget. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the minutes from 04/07/14. Chairperson Laleme moved to approve the minutes as written. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectman Fiorentino abstained).

The Board reviewed the minutes from 04/14/14. Selectman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes as written. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 3-0 (Chairperson Laleme abstained).

The Board tabled the minutes from 04/18/14.

The Board received an addition to a former 91A request and Chairperson Laleme said it will be available in the office if anyone wishes to see it.

The Board reviewed abatements recommended by our assessor. Chairperson Laleme moved to accept the recommendation from the assessor for the 5 abatements. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the quote to fix the problem with our internet outages. Chairperson Laleme moved if Selectman Culver determines it is ok after speaking with George at Profile Technologies to approve it. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

There was discussion about the phones having a busy signal at times and there was discussion about getting quotes for a 5th line.

Selectman Culver said the Planning Board discussed the possibility of a committee for the Master Plan.

Chairperson Laleme said every chair runs a meeting differently and said the Board does not use Roberts Rules and it is not recommended that we do. She said she will not recognize point of order and said public comment is not a time for presentation. She also said everyone can speak but it must pertain to town business.

Nancy Czarny asked what prompted the letter about trash bins and bear ordinance that was mailed to everyone. It was explained to her that this came up last year when Nancy Comea was working with Kevin Roy about sending out the mailer but it got delayed and never went out last year. There was discussion about the process to enforce this. Chairperson Laleme said the mailer was meant as educating the public about people feeding the bears and how it becomes a public risk. Mrs. Czarny said the trash bins supplied are not bear resistant. Selectman Culver said people are leaving garbage out all week and that people need to be responsible about putting their garbage out. Chairperson Laleme said people will not get penalized after making a reasonable effort. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy said nobody has been fined since the ordinance has been in effect. There was discussion about people always leaving their bins at the end of their driveway. Julian said the Chief needs to enforce everyone who has a trash bin out after garbage day because even empty bins attract bears.

At 7:03 Chairperson Laleme moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) & (c) Selectman Culver seconded. Chairperson Laleme did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed police personnel.

The Board discussed highway personnel.

Selectman Blanchard moved to hire Adam Dupont for the summer to assist with mowing. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board approved an assistant coach.

At 7:50 Chairperson Laleme moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 7:50 Chairperson Laleme moved to adjourn. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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