

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Selectmen Office
May 18, 2015

Present: Chairman Culver, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Staples.

At 6:05pm Chairman Culver opened the meeting.

Chief Ho-Sing-Loy came before the Board to get Board approval for a COPsync grant. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy explained the total cost is \$4,080.00 and that the state pays 50% and the other 50% is paid by the Town and the 2 schools. He said the Town's portion is \$480.00 and explained that will be a yearly amount. He explained that COPsync is a software program that enables the schools to notify police officers immediately of emergencies like an active shooter, unknown person in the building, etc. He said the school personnel can activate it and it goes directly to the cruiser and can also go to the officer's Smartphone. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the COPsync grant. Chairman Culver seconded. Carried 3-0. Chairman Culver said the Town of Bethlehem Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$2,040.00 for the purchase of COPsync School Emergency Notification System. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$4,080.00, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$2040.00).

The Board reviewed a grant request from Chief Anderson that the state has already approved that the Board didn't know about. The total amount for the purchase of forest fire equipment is \$4,026.03 with a grant reimbursement of \$2,000.00. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the grant. Chairman Culver seconded. Julian Czarny asked if it was a federal or state grant and was told it is a state grant.

Frank Claffey asked the Board for approval to get a TAN note for 1 month and said he asked 3 different banks for a rate and he is recommending Passumpsic Bank at .69%. He said he would have the documents ready for them to sign next week. Mr. Claffey also asked the Board to approve an advance of up to \$200,000.00 (amount to be determined after AP is done next Tuesday). Selectman Laleme moved to approve the TAN for \$300,000.00 with Passumpsic Bank. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 3-0. Selectman Laleme moved to approve advance up to \$200,000.00. Chairman Culver seconded. Carried 3-0.

Selectman Laleme commended Frank Claffey and Mary Jackson on how well the cash flow is now for the Town.

The Board tabled the minutes from 05/11/15.

Rita Farrell asked the Board questions about how to navigate the website and was directed on how to do it. Mrs. Farrell asked about documents relating to the settlement agreement that are not on the website and requested they be put on the website. The Board will look into it. Mrs. Farrell asked about the staircase from Irving parking lot that goes up to the skate park area and said they are not being maintained and suggested a railing be put up. Mrs. Farrell also asked the Board if they have a position on the Northern Pass as a Board. She was told the Board does not have a formal position. Selectman Laleme said her own opinion is they bury them or don't do it.

At 6:45 Selectman Laleme moved to go into non-public session per 91A for matters of personnel. Chairman Culver seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board met with Road Agent, Brett Jackson. Chairman Culver moved to approve all proposed highway raises. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed Country Club new hires. Selectman Laleme moved to approve Blakley and Bayley new hires. Chairman Culver seconded. Carried 3-0.

Selectman Laleme moved to approve two lifeguard hires. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 7:08 Chairman Culver moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed limiting public input to 5 minutes per person per meeting.

At 7:10 Selectman Laleme moved to adjourn. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
April Hibberd
Administrative Assistant