

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Selectmen Office
June 20, 2016

Present: Chairman Glavac, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Ubaldo.

Chairman Glavac opened the meeting at 6:32 pm. Chairman Glavac moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A:3 for matters of personnel. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed personnel.

At 7:40 Chairman Glavac moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

Fire Chief, Jack Anderson, came before the Board to discuss the bids for the ambulance. He said after reviewing the bids and comparing the quality and equipment he is recommending we go with Bert's Emergency Corp. He said the total will be \$148,233.30 and included a back-up camera and the power stretcher. Selectman Laleme moved to buy the ambulance from Bert's Emergency for up to \$150,000.00. Chairman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0. Chairman Glavac said the grant (up to \$30,000.00) will go towards that amount.

Reggie Stone came before the Board to discuss 48 River Road that was foreclosed on but said Richard Stone has been living in the house for years rent and tax free and he asked what the status of the property is. Chairman Glavac said it is a legal matter and the Board cannot discuss it but said the Board is working to resolve it. Chairman Glavac said they will check on the timeline for it to be resolved.

Selectman Laleme gave an update on Northern Pass and said groups have submitted questions for discovery. She also said everyone is asking for it to be buried (along 93) but that Northern Pass still doesn't want to bury it. Chairman Glavac said the town wants it to be buried and for it to be down Route 3 and 93. He also said he wants the transition station back as far off 302 as possible. There was discussion about the expense of the town utilizing an attorney. Selectman Ubaldo said he thinks the fight should be in Concord (SEC) and that we are doing work for the SEC. He said Northern Pass doesn't make the decision but the SEC does so the town should be fighting the SEC. Selectman Laleme said Northern Pass presents everything to the SEC and said the SEC is like the states planning board. She said they have to show that it is good for the public. Dann asked if each town gets to ask 50 questions and Selectman Laleme said each group gets 50 questions.

The Board reviewed bids for the Crown Vic. Two bids were received; Mark Champagne bid \$250.00 and Tyler Murray bid \$250.00. They will each be asked to bid again.

The Board discussed when to have the next property sale auction and determined Oct. 15th would be the next auction date.

The Board reviewed the people interested in being on the Economic Development Committee. Chairman Glavac said they received one letter of interest from Jack Farrell and other people in the community were invited to participate. The people interested are: Jack Farrell, Steve Dignazio, Kevin Roy, Ronney Lyster, Dave Wiley, and Dick Gould. Rita Farrell said Kevin Roy doesn't live in town and there is a conflict of interest. Chairman Glavac said he is not aware of any conflict with the landfill.

Chairman Glavac said it was questioned about the decision from attorney about the wells and probes and said what was presented to the public was the position of the Board. Mrs. Farrell said the question was about whether or not it was a violation of the settlement agreement. She said our attorney contacted the landfill's attorney and that she thinks the Board should get independent lawyer to look at it. Chairman Glavac said it is not unusual for attorney's to communicate.

The Board reviewed an abatement. Chairman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for map/lot 203-033 for \$1951.62. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a request for a refund for a car registration that was paid twice. Chairman Glavac moved to reimburse the customer for the overpayment. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed country club quotes. Selectman Blanchard will get more information.

The Board reviewed an application for the tax collector to apply for a scholarship to attend the certification program. The Board discussed the budget constraints because of the training expenses for the new deputy. Selectman Laleme moved to allow the Tax Collector to apply for a scholarship for amount needed due to budgetary constraints. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a solar panel permit application created for applications for just solar panel projects. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the permit application. Chairman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed minutes from 05/23/16. Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectman Ubaldo abstained).

The Board reviewed minutes from 06/13/16. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 3-0. (Chairman Glavac abstained).

The minutes from 06/06/16 were tabled.

Roger Hammarberg asked if the Town has a Sexton yet and was told not yet.

There was discussion again about the Board standing by their decision about the wells and probes. Chairman Glavac told Mrs. Farrell that they just need to disagree.

At 8:55 Chairman Glavac moved to go into non-public session per 91 A:3 for matters of personnel and reputation. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed returning summer recreation counselors.

Chairman Glavac moved to hire KS at 8.40/hour. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.
Chairman Glavac moved to hire BP at 7.75/hour. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Carried 4-0.
Chairman Glavac moved to hire AD at 9.00/hour. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed a proposed raise for a country club employee and did not approve it.

Selectman Blanchard moved to appoint Matt Courchaine as Sexton for a yearly stipend of \$500.00 and \$100.00 fee for burial. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. There was discussion about the need to get the mapping system organized. Selectmen Blanchard and Laleme will meet with the cemetery committee to work out the details on responsibilities of the Sexton. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the need to evict 2 people whose properties were just deeded by tax collectors deed. The Board said to proceed with the evictions.

At 9:47 Chairman Glavac moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Ubaldo seconded. Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

At 9:47 Chairman Glavac moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
April Hibberd