

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Selectmen Office  
August 24, 2015

Present: Chairman Culver, Selectman Staples, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Glavac.

Chairman Culver opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

The Board discussed the Cedarcroft property and said 3 different people have contacted the Town saying they are interested in purchasing the property. Chairman Culver said we obtained legal advice that we do not need to notice it again but have to advertise the sale. He said the Board just needs to determine a date and if to sell by sealed bid. Selectman Glavac said they should get the auctioneer. Selectman Blanchard said we should sell by sealed bid with a minimum bid amount because it is quicker that way and the property hasn't sold the previous 4 times the Town has tried to sell it. Chairman Culver said the Board received a letter and a sealed bid already which the Board said would have to be returned. Chairman Culver suggested leaving the minimum bid at \$3,000.00. There was discussion about why people were confused about the auction process with this property. Selectman Blanchard moved to sell 2323 Main Street by sealed bid ASAP. Selectman Staples seconded. Selectman Blanchard amended the motion to include: accept bids until Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and open the bids on 09/21/15 with a minimum bid of \$3,000.00. Selectman Staples seconded the amended motion. Selectman Glavac asked about adding a contingency to tear it down. Chairman Culver doesn't agree with the contingency. Chairman Culver asked if the motion was good or if anyone wanted to amend it. The motion remained as is. Carried 3-1 (Selectman Glavac opposed).

The Board discussed the Code Violation form for the building department to use when someone makes a complaint or reports a building issue or concern. Chairman Culver moved to accept the form and make it a part of building code procedures. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed the Bretzfelder appointments. It was noted that the openings were posted on the Town website. Chairman Culver moved to accept the reappointments for 2 3 year terms for Nancy Czarny and Nigel Manley. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Culver read a letter from SPNHF about the PILOT agreement and they said they would like to pay their taxes as owed for 2015 up to \$7,800.00 and \$8,000.00 for 2016, 2017, and 2018 and to revisit the PILOT agreement in the spring of 2019. The Board discussed that the \$7,800.00 is the amount for 2015 if the taxes don't go up. Chairman Culver moved to approve the agreement. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Culver read a letter from someone who wants to give a small parcel of land to the Town to do as they wish with. The property is owned by John Lavigne, is on Swazey Lane and is .18 acres. The assessed value is \$1,500.00 so there wouldn't have to be a public hearing to accept it. There were questions about whether it had title issues and if it could be sold not knowing if there were title issues. LGC will be contacted to find out.

The Board discussed a request to post a help wanted ad for NCES on the Town website and decided to keep the Town website just for Town jobs but it was ok to post on the bulletin board in the Town Office.

The Board discussed the minutes from 07/20/15. Selectman Glavac moved to approve the minutes as is. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectman Staples abstained).

The Board discussed the minutes from 08/10/15. Selectman Glavac moved to approve the minutes as is. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

**Public Input:** Erin Hennessy told the Board that Littleton would like updates every few months on what is happening on a state level and she asked if we would be interested in that as well. The Board said they would like that.

Chairman Culver said he received an email about the paramedic service about Calex trying to come up with a solution. He said they will be having a meeting on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Littleton Fire Station to discuss it.

The Board discussed inviting Geoffrey Sewake from UNH to discuss Economic Development with the Board. He will be invited to the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

At 7:10pm Chairman Culver moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (b) & (C). The Board discussed personnel. Selectman Blanchard moved to raise Richard Ray's hourly rate to \$18.50 an hour. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Culver moved to hire recreation new hire EF pending a criminal background check from the Town. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairman Culver moved to send letter to employee regarding return to work date. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed a repurchase of deeded property.

At 8:50 Selectman Blanchard moved to come out of non-public session. Chairman Culver seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

The Board discussed whether to put the fuel out to bid and decided to do that. The bids will be accepted until Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and will be opened on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

At 8:53 Chairman Culver moved to adjourn. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Hibberd  
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