

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room

August 26, 2013

Present: Chairman Blanchard, Selectman Culver, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Glavac, Selectman Fiorentino.

At 6:30 Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting.

Brett Jackson came before the Board. Brett told the Board that his new truck is getting outfitted and that when they put the old truck out to bid they didn't receive any bids. Brett said he would like to keep the truck and use it instead of trading it in. He said he feels it is worth more than the \$4000.00 trade the dealership would give him. He explained that he would use the truck to plow and all it needs right now is repair work for the floor which will cost approx. \$700.00. Brett stated that the cost for the warranty for the new truck is \$4304.00. Selectman Culver said that sounds good to him as long as the maintenance expense for that truck doesn't get too high. Chairman Blanchard moved to keep the truck and pay \$700.00 to fix the floor and monitor the maintenance expense going forward and "dump" it if the expense gets too much. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

Fallon came before the Board to request that the Board open an account for donations she will be collecting for the skate park project. She was told the Town doesn't have a 501c3 and that she would need to find someone that does and then when all the money is collected she can come to the Board with it and the Board would accept it at that time. Selectman Laleme said the Board would also want to see an outline of the project before any money is accepted. Chairman Blanchard suggested she talk to the pool committee to see where they put their money before the Town accepted it. Selectman Laleme said she would also need to coordinate with Rhienna because there is a lot to think about besides fundraising. It was also noted that there would have to be a public hearing to accept the money.

Mike Ho-Sing-Loy came before the Board about the parking issue at the school and how it is a problem and is dangerous. Mike said now that Cedarcroft is Town owned can the school use it for parking. Chairman Blanchard said they can't block the back access to the property. Chairman Blanchard moved to open the parking lot of Cedarcroft to the public so the school can use it. There was discussion about whether teachers should use the parking area or parents when dropping children off. It was decided the school should make those decisions. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 5-0.

Mike Ho-Sing-Loy also spoke to the Board about using the old Transfer Station property for a training facility. He would like to make a shooting range there. He said there is no cost involved because volunteers will help set it up. Brett said the lot is lined with rocks and thinks everything is good to go with the lot. Selectman Laleme asked if it was still gated and would it be police only. Mike said it was gated and would be just for police. He also said Whitefield Police Dept. would be interested in using it as well. Mike said they currently go to Lisbon but it is difficult to get in there. Selectman Laleme moved to allow the Police Dept. to use the old Transfer Station property as a police training site. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Julian Czarny asked about lead lying on the ground from the bullets and concern about creating a potential clean up issue if it may be used as something else in the future. He asked the Board to check with DES. Chairman Blanchard said he will check with DES and amended the motion to add "barring any pushback from DES". Mike Ho-Sing-Loy said it will be a confined are and they will be building a berm. Selectman Culver asked about insurance. Mike will check with LGC. Carried 5-0.

Chairman Blanchard reviewed the example dog ordinance submitted by a resident. This was tabled until all Board members could review it.

The minutes from 08/19/13 were tabled so the Board could review them.

Selectman Laleme said she wanted to make clear that the money for the playground was not taken out of the pool money. She explained the pool money is from a Warrant Article and the playground money came from the Capital Reserve account for REC/Pool. Selectman Laleme said the umpires for baseball had refused payment for umpiring and this helped offset the expense for the fence.

Selectman Laleme said the Country Club restaurant is on track to break even this year and the club is on track to make progress.

Rhienna Miscio said the Project Venture group from Profile will be starting the comfort station and volley board next week.

Mark Fiorentino said Bill Sims approached him about wanting to take down the 2 white pines that are on the border of his property but are on Town property. He said he wrote a letter to the Board last year asking for permission to take them down. Selectman Laleme said she talked to his wife several times last year and told her they could take them down at their expense. Selectman Laleme will talk to the Sims and let them know they can take the trees down at their expense.

At 7:05 Chairman Blanchard moved to go into non-public per 91a for matters of reputation and personnel. Selectman Culver seconded. Chairman Blanchard did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

Rhienna requested the Board approve write-offs of old uncollected balances. Selectman Culver moved to approve the write off's. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Laleme moved to approve the pay increase for Audrey Rowlette to \$10.00/hour. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 8:45 Selectman Laleme moved to come out of non-public session. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 8:45 Chairman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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