

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Selectmen Office  
September 14, 2015

Present: Selectman Glavac, Selectman Staples, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Blanchard.

Acting Chairman Glavac opened the meeting at 6:31pm.

Mr. Sweeney, a property appraisal liquidation specialist who auctions properties for government agencies, came before the Board to discuss an upcoming auction. He explained that IRS property auctions are conditioned on property taxes being paid. He said because of the 180 day right of redemption for the former owner the bidders don't have any recourse on the money paid for the taxes. Mr. Sweeney said other towns have put the money into an escrow for the 180 days and returned to the bidder if the former owner redeems. The Board would like to check with Attorney Keith on this.

Chris Hodge and David Wiley came before the Board to discuss the Arlington Hotel project. Mr. Wiley explained the permit that was given was for the foundation only. He said the plans have changed since receiving Planning Board approval. He explained the roofline will be different and he could issue a permit but wanted the Board's input because of the differences since Planning Board approval. There was discussion about the roof drainage and how it would be better with the new roof design. Selectman Glavac moved to approve the exterior of Arlington as proposed. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Selectman Laleme asked if there was anything in the ordinance about this and Mr. Wiley said no but explained they would be going to the Zoning Board for a Special Exception on the height of the building. Carried 4-0.

Mr. Wiley also discussed with the Board a letter written to Chris Hodge about concerns with drainage at the Arlington project. Mr. Hodge said he would get Horizons there tomorrow to address the drainage issues. Mr. Wiley also said the Planning Board's conditions of approval have not been accomplished yet and wants there to be a cease and desist order. Selectman Laleme moved to issue a Cease and Desist until Mr. Wiley authorizes it to continue. Selectman Blanchard said to add the additional work to the motion. Selectman Laleme moved to issue a Cease and Desist on all additional work beyond the current permit issued for "Foundation Only" until all conditions listed in Mr. Wiley's letter are met and verified by Mr. Wiley. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 08/25/15 and 08/31/15. Selectman Glavac moved to approve the minutes from 08/24/15. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectman Laleme abstained).

The minutes from 08/31/15 were tabled.

The Board reviewed a refund abatement. Selectman Glavac moved to approve an abatement for Map 206 Lot 002-068 for \$2,269.51. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Laleme said Dolly McPhaul came to the Planning Board to let them know the state is reviewing their administrative rules and there is a committee that approves energy projects. She said the committee would act as a statewide energy committee and would preempt local Boards. She said the Planning Board voted to write a letter to the committee and Governor objecting to this. She said she would have the letter forwarded to the Select Board to see if the Select Board would also want to sign it.

Selectman Staples said the Littleton Regional Hospital Paramedic service will be going away effective October 1<sup>st</sup> and said there have been meetings to problem solve and come up with ideas. She said there was a meeting with Calx and a couple of proposals were mentioned. They discussed 6 area towns each paying 25 to 30 thousand and Calx would hire adequate number of paramedics to service the towns. Calx also mentioned they can provide contracted ambulance service for the Town at a cost of \$17.00 per resident which would be approx. \$42,000.00 a year. With that option the Town would still need a FAST squad of first responders. There will be another meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Blanchard asked if the Town went with the contract with Calx at \$17.00 per person would the Town still need an ambulance. He was told no. Selectman Glavac asked if the Town would still receive revenue for ambulance services and was told no because we wouldn't be transporting patients.

Selectman Blanchard said Maplewood hosted a caddy reunion and thanked the Heritage for providing photos.

At 7:25 Selectman Glavac moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Hibberd  
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