

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room

October 14, 2013

Present: Chairman Blanchard, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Fiorentino.

At 6:32 Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting and announced that it is a work session so there will not be any public input.

Chief Ho-Sing –Loy came to the Board to ask the Board to approve a grant for the Safe Commute Grant. Selectman Laleme moved to allow Chief Ho-Sing-Loy to obtain the grant. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0.

George Brodeur and Doug Harman came before the Board to discuss their difficulty in obtaining a driveway permit for the new library. George said they will get a list of what is required and Horizon's will submit that and then they receive a list of additional things required. George said this has been going on since June. George also explained that they are requiring a hammerhead turnaround at the end of the parking lot for SUV's but he said their current plan already meets requirement for SUV's. Selectman Laleme said the Board needs to ask Jim and Brian from DOT and Mike Norman and Art Colvin from Horizon's to come for a meeting to get this resolved. Chairman Blanchard said he will make the calls and set up the meeting.

The Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed Ambulance Policy. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the Ambulance Policy as written. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. The Board discussed that the Welfare Administrator will handle the hardship applications. The Board also discussed the possibility of using a collection agency. Selectman Fiorentino said the billing company does all the billing and collections. Selectman Laleme said all payments made to the Town directly should go right to the office and not to Jack. Carried 3-0.

Selectman Laleme moved to appoint Chris McGrath as an alternate to the Conservation Commission Board. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed a notice of complaint filing from the Superior Court that a homeowner filed about the assessed value of his property. It was determined that it needed to be turned over to the Town's attorney.

The Board discussed the security system quotes and has a question of a cost on one. The Board will vote on this next Monday after getting clarification about the cost.

The Board discussed obtaining a 155-B order to have the Cruft Building removed. Selectman Laleme moved to move ahead with the 155-B process. Chairman Blanchard seconded. The attorney will be notified that the Town wishes to pursue this. Carried 3-0.

At 7:10 Chairman Blanchard moved to go into non-public session per 91a for matters of reputation. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Chairman Blanchard did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed a request from a property owner to leave a trailer on her lot past the allowed 90 days because of extenuating circumstances. The Board said there needs to be an inspection done and it would have to be removed in the spring.

The Board discussed court fees for evicted homeowners. Chairman Blanchard moved to write letters to the homeowners saying the penalties are waived. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

Selectman Laleme moved to follow through with eviction process for a homeowner whose offer to redeem has not worked out. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 7:35 Chairman Blanchard moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

At 7:35 Chairman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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