

Town of Orange
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017 6:00 p.m.
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Members Present:

Eric Holmgren, George Wild Jr., Lee Youngman

Others Present:

Kathie Felch, John Barnes, Chris Violette Barre Town Fire Chief, Chris Sanborn Barre Town Deputy Fire Chief and Lynn Craig

Eric opened the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

- 1. The Board reviewed the minutes of March 13, 2017 George made a motion to approve as submitted and Lee 2nd the motion.**
- 2. Agenda Revisions if any – Kathie suggested that we move item # 8 to the end of the meeting and go into executive session to discuss.**
- 3. Chris Violette of Barre Town Fire Department, Fred Byrd & John Barnes Orange Fire Wardens to discuss radio communication – Fred was not present at the meeting but Chris Violette discussed that he felt it would be good to have communication with wardens however, he did feel that more than likely most calls trucks would still be dispatched to be on the side of caution. He discussed the difference between calls they are billing us for and calls they are covering under our contract fee. Since their new computer invoicing system in Nov 2016 they have had 11 calls in Orange and only billed us for 4. Not billing for minor car accidents, false alarm at school and residential CO2 detector. The radios that they currently use a VHF Band and cost around \$700 each but we might be able to obtain refurbished ones cheaper. Lynn will contact PikComm to get pricing.**
- 4. Consider signing the new Contract for Orange County Sheriff's Department - The board reviewed no increase in hourly rate but budgeted for additional hours. George made a motion to approve and Lee 2nd. The Board signed the contract.**
- 5. Discuss the annual inspection of the buildings by our insurance company – The board reviewed the inspection results and steps will be taken to address the issues.**
- 6. Discuss Reservoir Road and other concerns about Town Roads – George working on quotes for repairs to Reservoir Road. There was an issue with sink hole on Emery Rd a message was left at the office during lunch and no phone number or name left. Another call came in at 3:00 p.m. and sink hole was filled in by 4:30. Mark started out with the grader the end of last week and will be working his way around town.**
- 7. Discuss Roadside Mowing – Tenco is stopping the rental of Roadside Mowers. Quote received from Fairfield and they will charge \$8,400.00 which is \$400.00 over budget and is not available until the months of September and October. We will continue to look into options and possibly skip the mowing for this year.**
- 8. Discuss cost of living increases for road crew – Pass over until end of meeting to go into executive session.**
- 9. Review 2017 Budget – The board reviewed the budget. George gave John the go ahead to purchase 2 new tires for the grader at this point.**
- 10. Approve Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants – The board reviewed and approved payroll and AP.**

11. Other Business:

Sign Fleet Permits – George reviewed and signed all Fleet Permits

Mowing town properties – The board opened a proposal by Gauthier Lawn Care Proposal was only for the Town Offices and the Ball Field and at a rate of double what we are currently paying. The board agreed to continue with Jay Ransom at this point.

School Merger Vote May 2nd and Merger Forum April 26th all board members will be available for the meeting and to count votes after election.

Lee made a motion to go into executive session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss item # 8 George 2nd the Motion.

George made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:27 p.m. Lee 2nd the Motion.

12. Next Meeting – May 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjourn – Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. George 2nd the Motion.

Attest – Lynn Craig Assistant Town Clerk