



TOWN OF BLANDFORD
Board of Selectmen, Minutes
August 3, 2015

Attendance: Bill Levakis, Adam Dolby and Cara Letendre – Secretary

Open Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Mr. Dolby opened meeting, provided notice that meeting may be recorded.

Posted Agenda Items:

1. Philip Burns: New COA Consortium Coordinator, (also working with Huntington Health Center) introducing himself to Selectboard. Plans to:
 - a. Develop a holistic care program for the elderly
 - b. Focus on transportation issues
 - c. Address social isolation
 - d. Help with funding for home improvement needs
 - e. Improve outreach programs
2. Chief Hennessey:
 - a. Detail Administration Fee: State funded jobs that contract Blandford Police Officers to do detail work through other towns which do not pay the 12% administration fee. How do we avoid footing the bill?
 - i. Chief Hennessey- it's give and take. We hire other municipalities to do detail work or us and we don't pay their administration fee. Generally a wash.
 - b. Detail Rates: Chief Hennessey would like to see regular detail rates on main road or emergency detail work. Mr. Dolby asked the Chief to write-up a proposal to re-visit this topic.

NOTE: Finance – the budget is already set. Would like to have any increases run before them before voting. Mr. Dolby – yes, asked Chief Hennessey to look through last year's record to get an idea of the financial impact. Mr. Van werkHooven – the 2.5% increase is not happening right now for the rest of the employees, how would you justify this increase?
3. Brian Burrows: Building Inspector Interview
 - a. Discussed history and contracting work/experience
 - b. Currently a commercial supervisor. Works with building inspectors on a regular basis.
 - c. Has experience working with zoning boards.
 - d. Has flexible hours and can do office hours, one night a week, some Saturdays.
 - e. Can start ASAP.
 - f. Board will follow-up after complete other interviews.

Old Business:

1. Rayette Burns: provided Selectboard with copy of the bylaw concerning noise ordinances. So far the noise has been minimal with the dirt bikes.
2. Appointments: no new letters of interest.
3. Town Garage Mitigation: Selectboard reviewed bids for excavation of contaminated soil. Oil Recovery Program: \$135.00 per/ton, Clayton Davenport \$132.50 per/ton. Mr. Levakis motion to accept bid from Clayton Davenport Trucking for \$132.50 per/ton for the Highway Garage excavation work, Mr. Dolby second, unanimous vote.
4. FEMA Reimbursement: no news
5. School Committee Budget: received a 1/12th mandated budget from DESE.
 - a. The Selectboard has not seen paperwork stating that the School Committee has filed for another extension.
 - b. Can't vote until receive a budget from the School Committee
6. Culvert Letter from Town Counsel: Counsel recommended two options-
 - a. Town can pass a bylaw on culverts and drainage to increase enforcement authority.
 - b. Seize property by immanent domain and/or obtain easement and fix culverts ourselves.
 - c. Board in favor of the bylaw. Selectboard will work with the Planning Committee to move forward. Next step – discussion with Town Counsel about desired outcome of bylaw.

New Business:

1. COA: Margit Mikuski the State provided a new computer to the COA and they will help fund installation of WiFi in COA room. Mr. Dolby will follow-up.
NOTE: asked Mr. Burns to help spread knowledge of assisted living possibilities with broadband to COA members.
 2. Water Department: looking to replace shed behind the pump station on North Street. Has been repaired several times and is rotting. The Water Commissioners have priced out a new Conex box at \$3,570 (including delivery) which will triple the size, prevent rodents and ants from building nests, and provide more security for tools and parts. The Commissioners found used Conex boxes to be a difference of only \$500.00 and decided to go with a new one.
 - a. Funding: Mr. Levakis would like to take the money out of the Emergency Break fund.
 - b. Mr. Dolby motion to approve \$3,750.00 to AAAAA Beeline Corporation for the purchase of a Conex box for the Water Department, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.
 3. Mrs. Smith: asked that the Selectboard send a notification to Mr. Dapkus at Softright to change the conrols between the financial officers. Board agreed.
 4. Clean FootPrint Solar: Mr. Levakis will follow-up with president.
- 8:30 p.m. Mr. Dolby motion to adjourn, Mr. Levakis second, unanimous vote.

Submitted by: Cara Letendre

Adam Dolby

William Levakis