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SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, JEFFERSONVILLE

AGENDA:

6:30 PM Approval of September 8, 2014 minutes
6:35 Alan Cary – Fire Department
 Budget
 Access Policy
 To do any other business

Jane N. Porter
Town Clerk

Meeting of September 22, 2014

The meeting was opened at 6:30 by Select Board Chairman Larry Wyckoff.

Present: Larry Wyckoff – Chair, Dana Sweet, David Vaughan – Select Board
Jane Porter – Town Clerk, Sally Reynolds – Assistant Clerk.

Finance Committee: Joe Rogers, Rick Marsh, Fred Boyden, C. J. Manchester, Bernie Juskiewicz

Fire Department: Alan Cary – Chief, Carey White, Chris Langlois, Dan St. Cyr, Dan Wyckoff, Darrin Severence, Rhea Severence, Mike Spaulding

Community: Don Lange, April Tuck, Ruth Ann Rust, Justin Marsh, Kim Martin

Dana Sweet made the motion to accept the minutes of September 2nd, David Vaughan seconded, so voted.

The Fire Department was in on their budget. Larry Wyckoff recused himself because he is a member of the fire department; he turned the meeting over to Dana Sweet.

Dana Sweet asked Alan about the maintenance of the building and equipment replacement.

Alan Cary said the costs are increasing all the time. Alan said there are more calls – takes a toll on the equipment. Dana asked if they were in the red. Alan said no – they had not included the latest appropriation on the budget page. Fred asked about utility bills. C.J. asked about the Jan-Dec budget – Alan said the budget was as of today; said their year ended December 31st. Any money that was remaining was rolled over into the next year.

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Dana Sweet asked status of the new truck.

Alan said no decision yet. Carey white said the truck is 20 years old. Carey said the capacity will be around 3,000 gallons – it will be a tandem. Dana asked what the truck was now. Alan said 1850 gallons. Dana asked for a ball park figure -- \$240,000 to \$250,000. Rick Marsh asked Dan Wyckoff if it was a poly tank -- yes. Dana asked about other towns. Dan Wyckoff said they are mostly going to poly tanks. Dan said they checked three manufacturers – October – 1st week would come to their membership for a vote on it.

Dana asked about a public access policy. Dan St. Cyr gave everyone a copy of the “Building Use Policy.” Dana asked where the people will park. Joe Rogers (Finance Committee) asked what the liability coverage would be with others in the building. Insurance company told Alan if they charged for the use of the space it would cost more. People using the building would have to show proof of liability insurance.

Ruth Ann Rust asked about trail committees. She said that it was said that the community room was available for organizations -- the policy as written a large part of the community cannot use it but they voted for this building. They may feel excluded and might not support what they want. She wants to see a more open policy. Alan Cary said it wasn't sold that way in the power point. It was asked why we need the elevator to the 2nd floor if the meeting room was not available for community use. Carey White said that the building would be used in emergencies if they had to evacuate Mann's Meadow Senior Center it could be used as a shelter.

Don Lange thinks Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and all the commissions of the Villages and Town should be able to use the meeting room. Kim Martin thinks it should be available to non-profit organizations also t no charge. Yes, people need to adhere to the rules.

Alan -- #1 the membership elected this; # 2 this would be a simpler if it were a business and then could be use. He said this could turn in to a 7-day a week being used for meetings.

April Tuck said the Crescendo Club had four drafts of their policy before coming to a workable policy. They struggled with it being private but accept public funds. She applauds what they are doing; the sticky piece is who gets to use it. She said they have groups use it when the library isn't. She thinks they need to work on Section 3. David Vaughan said if there is an alarm the groups should understand they have to stay in the meeting room. Ruth Ann said it should be set times. Fred Boyden (Finance Committee) asked how many rooms were in the fire house. David Vaughan said there is only one room downstairs to use – they don't want people upstairs. The room upstairs does not have tables or chairs.

Alan Cary said he asked Russ Weiss here to help in this. Russ said he and John Dunn want to renovate the “Windridge” dorm and add community space. It doesn't help right now; it would be two to three years. It would be for nonprofits. Russ does not want to make it hard on the town with taxes. Asked if there would be a charge for the use – this had not yet been determined.

Bernie Juskiewicz (Finance Committee) said we have two opinions here – he would like to see the fire department and two people from this group to meet and get some common ground and produce a policy that would accommodate everyone. Dana Sweet agreed with Bernie – he said Select Board will discuss it later and give their recommendation.

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Finance Committee

Larry wants to include the Finance Committee more proactively.

Larry Wyckoff said we need to have another member on the Finance Committee – wants to use Finance committee as a filter.

Bernie said we (legislature) need to look at the Education funding formula – 16 years on this one – need to change structure.

Rick Marsh wants the capital plan to be bigger. Dana Sweet wants .03 in tax rate in first five years. We think we are on the right track. We would like representatives of the fire department to meet with April Tuck, Ruth Ann Rust and Kim Martin for some community input.

Dana made the motion to approve payment on Selectmen's Orders and Road Orders to the end of August; David Vaughan seconded – so voted.

Dana Sweet made the motion to put Richard Williamson on the Planning Commission; David Vaughan seconded, so voted.

Dana Sweet made the motion to pay Doug Babcock for 481 miles at the state mileage rate of .56; David Vaughan seconded, so voted.

Next meeting October 6. The November 3rd meeting Hazel Carpenter will be in.

Dana Sweet made the motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm; David Vaughan seconded, so voted.