

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
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Meeting Minutes
Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 – Town Council Meeting Room
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman McFee called the regular meeting of the Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf and McFee. Also present was Public Works Director, Donald Bourdeau and Program Coordinator Sandie Gregory.

4. Consider and Act on the Approval of the Minutes of June 2, 2010

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to approve the special meeting minutes of June 2, 2010. Discussion: none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Items to be added to the Agenda

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor McFee to add agenda item 7(f) Discussion regarding the 2010-2011 budget to the agenda for discussion. Discussion: none, Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried, the item was added to agenda for discussion.

6. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda

Sandie Gregory discussed the proposal to increase the price of the stickers at the Transfer Station, stating the sticker prices have been increased in the past year and she does not feel there is a need to increase them again.

Councilor McFee discussed the procedure for increasing fees for the stickers to the Transfer Station.

7. Old Business

a. Update and Discussion Regarding Re-Use/Free Items and Tag Sales

Ms. Gregory stated business is typically slow this time of year due to the number of private tag sales held during summer months. Sales have been averaging between three and four hundred dollars each.

b. Update and Discussion Regarding Disposal of Town Vehicles

A discussion was held regarding procedure for the disposal of Town owned vehicles. Mr. Bourdeau stated there is a policy in place that states all Town owned vehicles must be offered for sale at a public auction. Councilor Buebendorf offered to get a copy of the finance policy for the Committee to review prior to the next meeting.

c. Update and Discussion Regarding Adopt a Road Program

Mr. Bourdeau and Councilor Buebendorf scheduled a meeting on Friday to discuss and coordinate a strategy for the Adopt a Road Program.

d. Update and Discussion Regarding Road Repairs/Paving

Mr. Bourdeau stated the budgetary allotment for this line item this year will determine which roads will be repaired and/or paved in the upcoming year. He stated the most critical roads in need of repair are Old Colchester Road and Gallivan Lane and he will not know which additional roads will be funded this year until the budget is approved by the Town Council. He discussed repairs to roads from the storm damage and the seventy five percent reimbursements from FEMA for the repairs.

e. Update and Discussion Regarding Transfer Station Operations

Mr. Bourdeau discussed a proposal to have inmates from the Correctional Facility help out with trash pickup along the roads.

A discussion was held regarding increasing the cost of the yearly Transfer Station sticker for trash disposal. Several options were discussed, including the pay as you throw method that allows residents to pay for the amount of trash they dispose of by weight, and increase to the annual cost of a pass, a punch card system and town wide trash pickup with costs rolled into the tax base. Councilor McFee stated the current system is designed to fail because residents can purchase one sticker and use it for disposal of several families' garbage, therefore costing the town money. He stated the town does not want to make money on trash disposal but he would like to eventually see the Transfer Station pay for itself. Mr. Bourdeau stated the "bag" program encourages people to recycle more because residents have to pay by weight for disposal of trash. A discussion was held regarding increasing the stickers for residents but not for seniors. Councilor Buebendorf stated it is not just seniors that are struggling but the young families as well and stated an increase should be across the board if there is an increase to make it fair for

everyone. She stated the fees in Montville remain lower than most surrounding towns. The Committee requested Mr. Bourdeau provide them with information regarding the number of senior passes sold at the Transfer Station on a yearly basis. A discussion was held regarding how much to increase the sticker fee to be fair to all.

Mr. Bourdeau submitted an email from Howard Pfrommer, P.E. dated Wednesday, June 23, 2010 regarding the Montville Road Bridge as requested at the previous meeting. The e-mail discussed construction costs for a proposed single 8' x 9' box culvert and minimum road work.

Mr. Bourdeau distributed copies of the bids received for the demolition of the two homes as discussed at the previous meeting and stated the bid was awarded to D&W Transport. A discussion was held regarding costs for site work on the two properties once demolition is completed and prior to the sale of the properties. Work is scheduled to begin once a letter is received from CL&P stating power is shut off to the buildings.

f. Discussion Regarding the 2010/2011 Budget

Mr. Bourdeau stated the proposed budget cuts to the Public Works line item will devastate the department. The proposed cuts will force the layoff of two employees and he explained he is already two people short. The proposed budget is not a realistic budget and is proposing a two hundred and forty thousand dollar cut to an already bare bones budget. He discussed daily operating costs and repairs that are desperately needed to various buildings throughout town, road repairs, plowing and the salt and sand budget.

8. New Business – none.
9. Remarks from the Public – none.
10. Remarks from the Councilors – none.
11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville