Town of Bartlett Office of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2016

Attendance: Chairman Gene Chandler, David Patch, Jonathan Hebert

Visitors: None

Reporters: None

Meeting opened at 03:30 PM.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the request from the Bartlett Jackson Ambulance Committee for additional money ($8307.00 from Bartlett and $5538.00 from Jackson) beyond what was put in the budget for 2016. One issue seems to be a problem in collecting money for services rendered. Selectman Hebert commented that we are obligated to pay something but not necessarily the whole amount requested. It was decided that Bartlett would send them an additional $4,150.00 and we would check to see if Jackson would send them $2,769.00. It is difficult to know how much they will collect from bills to be able to tell what is actually needed but they can request more money if they need to.

Gail Paine, Supervisor of the Checklist, met with the Selectmen in reference to the Supervisors having to do voter data entry into the computer. Two of the supervisors aren't interested in doing this as they feel it plays into the media. One is and Paine would like to see her earn more money per hour for doing this. Selectman Hebert inquired as to how much money are we talking about. Paine replied that it would probably be an additional $100.00 that she would add to her budget for next year. Selectman Hebert inquired how she would justify the additional money would it be more responsibility. Paine replied that it would be like a computer position and she would have to go to training for a day which would involve mileage reimbursement as well as wages for the day. Selectman Hebert suggested that she put it in her budget proposal for 2017. Selectman Hebert also mentioned that he had received mail that appears to try to shame his neighbors into voting. These people seem to know what your voter registration is and when was the last time you voted. He was offended and wanted to know how people get this information. Paine stated that they sell the voter registration list for $25.00 but it doesn't say whether you voted or not. Chairman Chandler commented that you can ask for mailers for the last four years, etc. Cheryl Nealley, Town Clerk, popped into the meeting to say that they don't get the information from her that they get it from the Secretary of the State.

Fire Chief L. Patrick Roberts met with the Selectmen in reference to Utility 1. He had submitted a $1700.00 estimate for repairs to the vehicle last week. The Selectmen had decided not to spend that kind of money as Roberts is looking at getting a new replacement vehicle at town meeting. Roberts stated that one of the fire department members had taken a look at the rust issues and he believes he can do something about them to enable them to get the vehicle inspected. The tires will pass inspection for now. Selectman Hebert inquired if his logic in doing the repairs is because even if the voters of the town voted to purchase a vehicle we could be looking at a year out before it is ready. Selectman Patch commented that he has no problem if we can get enough work done on it to limp along. Selectman Hebert inquired if he would get a rough ball park estimate to the Selectmen for them to review. Roberts stated that he would.

Roberts also mentioned that he needs snow tires for the Chief's truck. Chairman Chandler inquired as to how long he has had these tires. Roberts replied that he rotates them out and only uses them in the winter and he has done this for six years. The Selectmen all agreed that he could purchase the tires.

Chairman Chandler made a motion to adopt the Resolution to enter Primex insurance. The Resolution reads as follows: Resolved: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its: Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP). The coverage provided by Primex in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex. I attest that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Town of Bartlett adopted on November 7, 2016. Selectman Hebert seconded the motion. All in favor-motion carried. Resolution was signed.

Police Chief Janet Champlin informed the Selectmen that she would be at the town hall for voting tomorrow. Champlin also inquired about the drug forfeiture money. Selectman Hebert stated that she has been using the State law rules and the issue may be that a portion of the money was from Federal. Champlin stated that she has been in contact with the following people concerning the use of the money: Barbara Ferencz, United States Department of Justice Forfeiture Project Coordinator, Washington, DC and Yasmeanne Gray of the Asset Forfeiture Division and our local contact to the grant. Our grant is administered through them (the Department of Justice) she also checked with Conway Police Department (Lt. George Walker) and the Carroll County Sheriff Department (Deputy Lt. Rich Young), and we have the asset forfeiture guidelines from the US Attorney's Office. All confirmed that we can use the drug seizure money for the purchase of all the items we have requested, and there is no additional step needed to spend these funds. They are keeping a Grant Seizure Fund file with all of the documentation if anything is needed. Selectman Hebert made a recommendation that if we should have another drug seizure that we go through the NH Drug Seizure Program. Everyone was agreeable to this.

Selectman Hebert inquired if we could start reviewing some of the policies. Chairman Chandler stated that he has been making notes on his.

The Selectmen signed checks, reviewed correspondence and building permits throughout the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 05:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Medeiros