

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008**

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bob Reagan. Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Tim Lewis and Town Administrator Michael Capone were also in attendance. Others present: Ellie Davis, Al Poznanski, Phillip Salvail, Alex Crate, Shirley Packard, Omer Ahern Jr. Chairman Reagan led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of the September 30, 2008 Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes and voted the following: Selectman Borthwick moved, Selectman Lewis seconded and the Board voted 3-0 to accept the Minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2008 as written.

Omer Ahern Jr. Candidate for County Commissioner

Mr. Ahern addressed the Board and those present with regard to his background and qualifications for County Commissioner. He took questions from those in attendance.

Status of Timber Cut – Jim Burnett

Jim Burnett was present to update the Board on the status of the Timber cut at the Transfer Station. He provided an overview of the process to date for those in attendance. Jim noted that he had received four bids from area loggers for the timber in the area defined in the bid documents. All four of the bidders have the equipment and the experience to do the job to the Town's satisfaction. Jim noted that the only essential difference was in the bid price. His recommendation was that the Town select Gordon Coursey and Son LLC who submitted the highest bid for the timber. Selectman Lewis suggested that Jim secure a contract from Mr. Coursey for the Town to review. The other Board members agreed. Jim will contact Mr. Coursey and prepare a contract for the Board to review and approve.

Discussion of #2 fuel oil and propane contract.

Michael presented the Board with corrected contracts from Rymes Heating Oils, Inc for the 2008-2009 heating season. The amount of gallons for each contract was lowered to 6000. The fixed purchase price of \$3.689 for #2 heating oil and \$2.289 for propane was unchanged.

Michael noted that the Rymes was reviewing the request from the Town that they provide a price discount to Town employees in light of the fact that the Town would have no practical way to guarantee that it could cover delinquent accounts.

Selectman Lewis made a motion to accept the contracts as corrected. Selectman Borthwick seconded and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Selectman Lewis then made a motion to have Chairman Reagan sign the contract on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and the Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion. Chairman Reagan signed the contracts on behalf of the Town.

Budget vs. Actual

Michael reviewed the Budget worksheet for October 9, 2008. He noted that the amount of budget dollars remaining unspent was running slightly above projections. He also went through the report to highlight some additional budget lines that might be overspent before the end of the year. Among the areas of concern were the general government telephone and fax line, the Fire department salary line, the mechanics repairs and petroleum products line and the highway uniform line. He also noted that the engineering and planning lines and the capital improvements lines would be used to report expenditures for the well blending project.

Other Business

Michael provided the Board with an update on the well blending project. The contractor finished the 8 hour pump test today and reported a pump rate of 18 gallons/minute. Gary Smith of Wright Pierce took water samples to be sent for testing.

The next step will be for Gary to start the paperwork the State requires for the long term (48 to 72 hour) pump test and await the test results for the samples. If all goes well, we should be able to conduct the long term pump test in three weeks.

Michael mentioned to the Board that there is a property on Canaan Street that had been taken by the Town for taxes in June of 2004. He noted that the remaining State Tax Lien issues were not an impediment to the Town selling the property. The Board discussed putting the property up for sealed bid. Michael will look into making the necessary arrangements for the process to go forward.

With no further business before the Board, at 8:07 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Selectman Lewis. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of adjournment at 8:07PM.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Tim Lewis
Canaan Board of Selectmen

