

**-CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, February 8th, 2011**

The public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Reagan. Others present: Selectman Scott Borthwick, Selectman Marcia Wilson and TA Michael Samson. Members of the public included Al Posnanski, Ellie Davis and Joe Frazier.

Chairman Reagan started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Minutes of January 25, 2011.

Motion by Scott Borthwick, seconded by Marcia Wilson to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011. Unanimous approval.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the status of accounts and noted that several were annual service contracts and showed that there were large payments out of these accounts. It was not clear yet whether we could contract with Sansoucy for revaluation of FairPoint. Postage appears not have been allocated yet. Scott noted that the recent Cargill order for salt does not appear yet. Mike indicated that he thought that the PO was still on his desk for coding. Generally, the budget is in good shape.

Sansoucy Revaluation proposal for FairPoint

Samson noted that the recommendation of Cross Country was to have Sansoucy do the revaluation of FairPoint for \$18,000. The money suggested in the Sansoucy letter for utility appeals is a moot point as the cases have been dismissed. As indicated in the budget review, we are waiting to see if the Warrant article passes to fund the 5th year revaluation and what the cost of the normal new valuations is to determine if there are sufficient funds for Sansoucy.

Proposed Recreation Commission budget for Williams Field

There was a consensus to support the expenditure of \$14,000 proposed by the Recreation Commission from Williams Field funds and monies raised subject to approval of specific purchases.

Water blending proposal

Samson reviewed the EOS proposal recommended by Water System Operators to install a new controller system at the water plant to monitor and manage the water blending system. The proposed cost would be \$7,980 and an additional \$3,000 for tank level monitoring. It is anticipated that the \$7,980 would come under the facility up-grade grant. Samson noted that there was an adequate balance in the Water-Sewer reserve. Motion by Scott Borthwick and second by Marcia Wilson to approve the recommended improvements. Unanimously approved.

Other Business

Samson reviewed the proposed purchase order system he will be implementing and the previously approved 7 exceptions to the purchase order requirement. He asked whether there were any changes or modifications. None were noted.

Joe Frazier discussed an alternative to the current practice of voting each social service agency in the Warrant. He suggested that they be combined into one article with a total dollar amount and wording “up to this total”. There would be several issues with this approach. First the voters could not pick and choose if they were lumped together. Second, the “up to” language might not be legally adequate to “raise and appropriate a specific sum from taxes”, and third, the Selectmen would then be setting a lesser amount than the original request and at least one Selectman wanted a lesser amount of zero funding. It was noted that Enfield does consider the requests and then reduces the requested amount when including the amounts in the budget. Ellie point out that we already fund these organizations in the County budget. No action taken.

At 8:02 PM Selectmen Borthwick made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss personnel under 91-A:3 II(b). The motion was seconded by Selectmen Wilson and voted 3-0 by a roll call vote of the Board.

At 9:05 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to come out of non-public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote. At 9:10 PM Selectman Borthwick made a motion to seal the minutes of the non public session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wilson and voted 3-0 by roll call vote.

At 9:12 PM Selectman Wilson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Borthwick and voted 3-0 by the Board.

Robert Reagan, Chairman

Scott Borthwick

Marcia Wilson
Canaan Board of Selectmen