

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 17th, 2015**

Chairman, Bob Reagan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Selectmen Robert Reagan, Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister, and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott, Al Posnanski, and Phil Salvail.

Board Reorganization

Bob Reagan moved that Scott Borthwick be elected chairman. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Committee Assignments

The consensus of the Board is that all members would retain the same committee assignments.

Minutes 3-3-15

Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to adopt the draft minutes for 3-3-15. Unanimous approval.

Budget vs. Actual

Samson reviewed the Budget vs. Actual. Revenue was extensively reviewed and so far, it looks like there will be sufficient funds for May.

Appointment of Rick Brown as a full time police officer

The Board briefly discussed the appointment. Motion by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan to employ Rick Brown as a full time police officer at the rate of \$24.41 per hour based on the recommendation of Chief Frank. Unanimous approval.

Approval of JALA beer and wine license

Bob Reagan moved to approve the issuance of a beer and wine license for JALA. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Excavation Ordinance

Phil Salvail outlined objections to the proposed Excavation ordinance. He indicated that it was a duplicated effort, very costly in fees, covered old, new and municipal excavations and would be expensive to enforce.

Report on Transfer Station Tractor Repair

Samson indicated that the tractor needed a new crankshaft. Initial cost estimate was \$30,000 from Freightliner. Samson indicated he was shopping for a used engine or truck with the goal of costing no more than \$10,000. He noted we need the truck working as the savings on recycling and trash hauling was in excess of \$25,000 a year.

Score Board Proposal

Bob Scott described a proposal whereby Pepsi would donate \$3,000 towards a new scoreboard for Williams Field (cost of \$7,200) in exchange for putting a soda machine at Williams Field. The balance could come from the Williams Field Fund. Samson indicated that there was nearly \$9,000 available. Bob Reagan moved to approve the expenditure of \$4,200 from Williams Field Fund upon request by the Canaan Recreation Commission. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Replacement of 1 ton truck

Bob Scott outlined his proposal for a Dodge truck from Fosters Motors in Middlebury. Dave McAlister indicated that he was opposed to the wing plow feeling that it was too heavy for the size of the truck. Scott Borthwick expressed concern about the cost of the wing plow. He asked how much it was and Bob Scott indicated he wasn't sure but would check. Scott Borthwick indicated he wasn't against the wing plow if the cost was \$500 to \$1,000. Bob Scott was asked to get the price for the wing plow.

Other Business

Samson reviewed a proposed resolution supporting the health center for USDA. Motion authorizing the signing by Scott Borthwick made by Dave McAlister and second by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Samson reviewed the MS 5 for 2015.

Motion authorizing signing by the Board made by Dave McAlister and seconded by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved.

Property and Liability

Motion authorizing the submission of the scheduled property for the P&L insurance with Primex made by Dave McAlister and seconded by Bob Reagan. Unanimously approved. Samson discussed the provision for signing up for a cap on the P&L policy. Samson was encouraged to shop around to see what we could get for 2016. Motion by Dave McAlister to approve signing up for the cap if we can't find a better deal. Second by Scott Borthwick. Unanimously approved.

Discussion regarding allowance of a late filing for an abatement of taxes due to miscommunication. The application was from Tony Bishop. The consensus of the Board was to accept the application late.

At 7:00 PM Selectman Reagan moved to enter executive session. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:10 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to come out of Executive Session. McAlister seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:10 PM Selectman Borthwick moved to seal the minutes of the executive session and Selectman McAlister seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Reagan to adjourn at 7:11 PM with second by McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

Robert Reagan

David McAlister
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