

**CANAAN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 19, 2018**

Scott Borthwick called the open meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Canaan Selectmen Conference Room. In attendance were Selectmen Scott Borthwick, Dave McAlister and Al Posnanski and TA Mike Samson. Others: Bob Scott & Carole Cushman.

Minutes

Dave McAlister moved to approve the minutes of 5/29/18 and 6/5/18. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Budget v. Actual

Samson reviewed the expenditures. The budget remains tight and depends on the bids for paving.

Building List

Samson reviewed the building list which currently totals \$42,760. This is more than anticipated due to paving the Autoware property. The increase will be mostly covered by savings in health insurance. Samson asked what the Board wanted to do with the gazebo. The consensus was to put wood preservative on it.

Sick Day Policy

There was a recent event where a pre-scheduled doctor's visit occurred during an employee's vacation. The employee wanted to take the doctor's visit as a sick day and not as a vacation day. The Board agreed that since the doctor's visit had been scheduled prior to the vacation, there was no apparent abuse of the sick day to create an extra vacation day and authorized the day as a sick day. Approved by consensus.

Fast Squad Proposal

There was a general discussion of the Fast Squad notice that they intended to increase the cost of service from \$65,000 per year to more than \$200,000 a year over three years. Samson reported that he had discussed the notice with the officers of the Fast Squad. They indicated that there was a manpower problem that they felt needed to be addressed as well as funding for replacement equipment. Samson has proposed a modification of their proposed budget that would increase pay for on-call, increase full time employees to 2 and fund capital reserves. The proposal calls for a voluntary family subscription of \$100 a year to cover part of ambulance costs. This would be in addition to any insurance that was available and would still use "soft billing" (not mandatory). That budget would increase the Town share to \$125,000 a year, or nearly double, but well below the initial request of the Fast Squad. Samson indicated that the membership was supportive of this proposal and asked the Town to manage it as a separate fund like water, sewer, library and ceneteries. The Board indicated they would wait until they receive a response to the counter offer. The Board also noted that the contract we now have is a 20 year contract at \$65,000 a year and also recognized that there was now an apparent problem with that older budget. They noted that originally, the Fast Squad intended to do private transport to make more money. The limitation of manpower and the existing competition were preventing that option.

Abatements

Lester's application was rejected based on the analysis and recommendation of CNP. Coelho, Henkels and Johnson were approved as proposed by CNP. Chapin's was approved subject to verifying that the interior improvements including the welding shop had been considered. Dave McAlister moved to approve the recommendations. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Pete's Junk Yard

Dave McAlister moved to approve the junk yard renewal and direct Scott Borthwick to sign it. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Report on Assessing

Samson reported that Sherrill has started as Assessing Clerk and is doing very well thanks to her prior experience. After picking up assessing, we will work on integrating the building inspector's job.

Tax Deeding

Samson reported there are at least 2 properties that may be deeded. He will report when the process is complete.

Chabot Appointment

The Board considered the appointment of Bill Chabot to the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee. Dave McAlister moved to recommend Bill Chabot to the Committee. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Other Business – None

At 7:10 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to enter non-public meeting to meet with and discuss personnel issues.

At 7:40 McAlister moved to exit non-public meeting, seconded by Posnanski and it was unanimously passed.

At 7:40 Selectman Posnanski moved to seal the minutes. McAlister seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the forbearance agreements for Dunkerton and McKinstry. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

Dave McAlister moved to approve the abatements for Vanier, Vandiver and CJM Property. Second by Al Posnanski. Unanimous approval.

At 7:40 PM Selectman Al Posnanski moved to adjourn. Second by Dave McAlister. Unanimously approved.

Scott Borthwick, Chairman

David McAlister

Al Posnanski
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