

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick

Absent: Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Gwen English

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reporter Damon Steer with the Conway Daily Sun attended the meeting and asked the Board for any thoughts or comments they have on the recent articles in the newspaper regarding Lakeview Neurorehabilitation Center. Selectman Slack noted she hasn't read any of the articles and she was not aware of any ongoing issues at the facility. She also added the police and fire departments respond to the facility if and when they are needed. Damon noted he obtained call reports from the Carroll County Sheriffs Office and based on some quick calculations it appears the number of emergency calls to the facility has been on the increase since 2008. The reporter asked about the impact this has on local fire and police here in Effingham. Firefighter and former Selectman William Piekut commented that Lakeview is a good neighbor and always has been. Fire Chief Randy Burbank noted that local officials and the administration at Lakeview have worked together and actually decreased the number of fire calls to the facility.

Deputy Emergency Management Director William Piekut reported FEMA has declared the availability of debris and infrastructure funds after Hurricane Sandy. Deputy Piekut will submit the necessary paperwork for reimbursement. Also, a new Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has opened up with a deadline of Jan. 11, 2013. This type of grant provides funding for the implementation of cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate damage and risk from the effects of natural disasters. Selectman Slack asked if there were any thoughts on where these funds could be applied in town. There wasn't any response from those present.

Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Randy Burbank reported the Updated Emergency Operations Plan has arrived and needs proof reading prior to signing. The Selectmen took their respective copies home to review over the next couple weeks.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire call report and reminded everyone there are only 13 days until Christmas and 20 days until New Years.

Fire Chief Randy Burbank expressed to the board his desire to replace the lights at the fire station with the more energy efficient type. Selectman Swanick referred to the need to review the energy audit as it pertains to the fire station. She thought that to be one of the items listed.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of December 4th. The weekly manifest was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick raised for discussion specifications for the new transfer station shed. She expressed her biggest concern is the visibility of the attendant while running the compactor and that costs need to be established prior to the budgeting process. Also discussed was the need to replace the salt shed in the near future.

The Board discussed the need to prepare their budget after the new year. Warrant articles will have to be considered and drafted. They also discussed roads and the need for planning future road projects. They will employ the assistance of the current road contractor in determining what should take priority.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Slack mentioned the grease trap in the kitchen was clogged and giving office personnel some trouble. Bill Piekut recommended Lenny's Drain and Sewer Service. She also noted the Fire Department is hosting a Christmas Party here at the Municipal Office Building on Wednesday December 12th at 6:00pm.

Selectman Swanick raised discussion regarding the need to program the thermostats in the building and made some recommendations. Gwen English will read the manual and set the thermostats accordingly.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman