

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 7:00 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dorothy Solomon announced she is seeking re-election as a Carroll County Commissioner. She spoke of her accomplishments while in office and what she hopes to achieve in the future.

Kamal Nath attended the meeting to keep the Board informed in the effort of Lakes Region Planning Commission related to broadband mapping. Kamal has volunteered to help in this effort. He also reported that the Effingham Post Office is being considered for closure and residents will be asked to express their preference in given options.

Randy Burbank reported that a town in Massachusetts has expressed continuing interest in purchasing the ambulance. This town was unable to submit a bid when previously requested because a Town Meeting vote is needed for this type of expenditure. The Board has since decided to accept bids that are contingent on Town Meeting approval.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer reported that he received a call from a resident with a complaint that a neighbor of his continues to burn materials which seem to emit odors consistent with chemicals being burned. The most recent fire in that area was extinguished prior to the Fire Department's arrival, although the oversight of this type of burning is assigned to Fire Wardens. Selectman Spencer encouraged the caller to attend a Selectmen's meeting to voice their concern. In discussion, it was noted that the enforcement agency that would most likely have the most authority over this type of activity is the Department of

Environmental Services.

Selectman Spencer noted that prior to freezing weather conditions, the Town owned dwelling on School Street should be winterized. He will ask Randy if he will help in this job. Selectman Spencer has also spoken with members of the Potter family and Ron Evans, the road contractor to negotiate a mutually agreeable solution to the reconstruction of a stone wall disturbed during the Town House Road reconstruction. It seems that all parties are willing to be reasonable in exploring what remedy is appropriate. In the meantime, Selectman Slack has spoken to the Town's attorney about the stone wall issue because there have been references made publicly about legal ramifications to disturbing stone walls.

Selectman Spencer and Randy Burbank will be performing a life and safety inspection at Lakeview Neurorehabilitation on October 15th.

A Safety Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 16th. Police Chief, Timothy Butts will replace former Chief Collins on that Committee.

An Emergency Operations Plan meeting will be held on Thursday of this week.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 2nd and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Sealed bids for the ambulance are due on Monday, October 15th. To accommodate interested parties, the Selectmen's weekly meeting will be held on Monday the 15th instead of Tuesday.

The Effingham Falls Cemetery Trust has been conditionally approved to be reconstituted, but the Town's attorney has advised that it is not appropriate for the Trustees of Trust Funds to disperse any funds to that entity until finalization and approval to do so is approved by the Attorney General.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board has accepted Chief Butt's request to hire Anthony Sacco for the position of Police Sergeant.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board and Rebecca Boyden, the Zoning Enforcement Officer discussed the flow chart that was submitted last week. Some revisions will be made. When the revisions have been made, the Town attorney will be asked for an opinion. Next week the Board will be discussing developing a capital assets policy for the Town. They have secured several capital asset policies from other towns to review, to assist them in drafting one for Effingham.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman