

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2012

Selectmen present: Susan Slack
Theresa Swanick
Henry Spencer

Minutes transcribed by: Claudia Lamphier

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

The Mail, Manifest and Signature folders were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Butts updated the Board on the police department and how he is handling the field training and internal operations training of newly hired Sergeant Sacco.

Maureen Spencer voiced concern about not being able to contact Selectman Slack at home since her landline was no longer in service. Maureen was told that Selectman Spencer, Maureen's husband, has Selectman Slack's e-mail address and cell phone number. She also encouraged Maureen to call the Selectmen's office to get information to her. Maureen also asked for an update on the progress of the website. Selectman Swanick is currently updating the site and has been unable to schedule a mutually agreeable time for training other personnel on how to handle updates. The contracted company hired to provide training has not been returning Selectman Swanick's phone calls.

Randy Burbank completed an inspection of the Lakeview facility with Selectman Spencer. There were some issues that he would like improved and he plans to inspect the facility again when the improvements have been made. Randy reported on the Fire Department Open House. The Firefighter's Association received about \$1000 in raffle proceeds. Randy said the event was relatively poorly attended until lunchtime where a free barbecued lunch was provided. Randy continues to receive calls about a resident who is reported to be burning materials other than brush. Selectman Slack said that she would contact the fire warden to see if permits are being issued this resident. Finally, Randy reported that the Fire Department will be testing hoses in the near future.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectmen have received updates from the attorney general's office regarding the progress in reinstating the Effingham Falls Cemetery Association. It is not clear if the

Association should now be provided funds from the trustees of trust funds. The town attorney will be asked about this.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of October 9th and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Sealed bids for the ambulance were opened. Only one was submitted by the Town of Leicester Massachusetts for the amount of \$26,550. The bid is contingent on Town Meeting approval. That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, the 16th of October. The Board voted unanimously to accept the bid with the necessary contingency.

The Board will be looking over the capital assets policies they have received from other towns to see what modifications would be made to accommodate the conditions in Effingham.

NEW BUSINESS

A contract for accounting services, primarily to complete the DRA form MS-5 was executed contingent on Town Meeting approval.

A contract with the town's cartographers to provide updating services for the 2013 year was executed contingent on Town Meeting approval.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the option of requesting sealed bids to sell a property which was tax deeded the Town. It was decided that an opinion of value would be requested from a local realtor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman