

TOWN OF EFFINGHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 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

Jack Rose came to speak to the Board and attendees about his candidacy for County Commissioner. He believes his business experience will be advantageous to him should he be elected.

Ron Witham asked if there was an intention to mow the cemeteries again before the end of fall. He also asked if there was a public section of Province Lake in Effingham. There is no public section. Ron also asked about an update on the issue of charging fees for disposal of tires and electronics.

Chief Butts reported that he has received some applications for the position of Sergeant. He noted that some applicants did not have the advertised minimum requirements. He asked if the Board would mind extending the date of acceptance of applications until the 15th of September so he would have time to advertise in a trade journal. The Board had no objection.

Fire Chief, Randy Burbank reported the ISO reporting agency is requesting information not currently available. He also announced that the Fire and Rescue Department will be holding an open house on October 13th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be coffee and doughnuts in the morning and later a lunch will be served. An advertised drawing for a donated boat will take place at about 2:30 pm.

Tom Thompson reported that sand that the road contractor has dropped off near his home to be readily available when necessary, is being stolen. He also reported that he is hearing

a lot of talk about the reporting for the federal grant that has provided funding for the wood pellet heating system and other associated energy efficient improvements. He was advised that the reporting is being done and will be submitted in a timely manner. He also asked if the Board still had the intention of holding an open house to show the public the new heating system. They responded that they still have that intent.

Jonathan Burbank gave his weekly fire/rescue calls report.

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Selectman Spencer checked on the oil spill that was reported by a resident. He found that an automobile on the reported property had leaked some fuel. He also informed his fellow Board members that the scaffolding that he was considering for the transfer station is the same being used in the project in the meeting room.

The discrepancy noted on the registration of the State Forestry vehicle that will be used by Effingham, has been cleared up. A discussion ensued about what is the best use of the currently used forestry vehicle.

An alarming notice received from a State agency inferred that the new wood pellet system was non-compliant with State regulations. Selectman Swanick immediately contacted appropriate parties to nullify the erroneous report.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES and WEEKLY MANIFEST

The Board approved the Minutes of August 21st and the weekly manifest.

OLD BUSINESS

Ongoing fiberglass insulation abatement is taking place in the municipal building. The contractor has started in the public meeting room and will be moving on to the staff working areas starting on Wednesday. The staff offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday while the work is being done.

Joe Collins' retirement issue surrounding his compensation received for duties pertaining to dog officer responsibilities, has been cleared up.

The auction to be held to sell eleven Town owned properties is scheduled for September 8th.

The lien that was placed on the Flanders property has been released by the Town's attorney.

Bids for sale of the Town's ambulance are due on September 4th. A public hearing for the

acceptance of a \$15,500 grant fund extension will also be held on September 4th.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Swanick announced she will be unavailable to attend weekly meetings on September 11th and the 18th.

Sheriff Conley has requested 30 minutes to speak with Board members at a regular weekly meeting. The Board is taking this into consideration.

PLANNED DISCUSSION

None

The Board voted unanimously at 8:05 to enter into non-public session to discuss a financial issue presented in writing by a resident. The topic of discussion regarded a prearranged payment agreement for delinquent taxes. The Board will notify the property owner that a deadline of September 15th will be enforced.

At 8:15 the Board came out of non-public session to discuss contacting the Trustees of Trust Funds to discuss the ongoing issue of one member continuing to hold the checkbook at his home.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Susan Slack, Selectman

Date

Theresa Swanick, Selectman

Henry Spencer, Selectman