

Greenville Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Public Meeting
September 24, 2008

Members present: Scott Blease, Kathy Washburn, Brenda Bergeron

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Carla Mary – Woodard & Curran

Carla Mary presented the monthly operating reports for the water and wastewater plants. She also reviewed her proposed budget for 2008 asking the Board if any additional information was requested on any of these lines, none was stated.

Carla Mary discussed the Adams Hill water tank with the Board. She told them that they would need a request for proposal to have an engineer provide information on the cost to repair the tank. Board will need to consider how to present this to the town and what should be done.

Carla Mary showed the Board pictures of the gate to the reservoir and the need for replacement. She will be applying for a grant to cover the cost.

Progress on the shipping container was presented to the Board for their review.

Meter Reading

Discussion held on meter reading problems, example meter not reading properly. Linda Langille explained that it has been the town's policy to send a letter to property owners requesting that they contact the water department to make arrangements to have the meter checked. Not all residents are getting back to the water department. Motion made by K. Washburn, second by B. Bergeron to create a new policy that property owners not responding to a letter requesting that they contact the town to make arrangements for a visit be charged \$500.00 penalty. This penalty will then be assessed each water billing following until the arrangement have been made. Motion carried unanimously.

Dennis Heywood – Highway Department

Dennis Heywood stated that he was here to request replacement of permanent part-time position. Now that winter is coming he is going to need someone to help out, he has not requested this during the summer months but will need help. Kathy Washburn asked what hours he was working and Dennis replied that he was working 20 hours per week with additional time in the winter for snow removal. Dennis Heywood stated that he has been working extra hours for years. Brenda Bergeron stated that this is why he is salaried. He stated that he understands that but he cannot keep giving. B. Bergeorn asked if he wants to come off of salary. He stated that he does not. K.Washburn stated that she feels that this additional person is needed to help him out and to keep the overtime down. B. Bergeron stated that she does not have any problem giving him a part-time person for the winter months. K, Washburn asked what the town meeting voted in. L. Langille stated that it was a permanent part time position. B. Bergeron stated that those can be changed.

S. Blease asked if he was going with Cargill for the salt in 2008-2009. Dennis stated that yes he was, it was the best price. S. Blease questioned sand and cutting edges. D. Heywood stated that he has enough sand with this budget but will need one set of cutting edges, he is going to go with Atlantic Broom, they are cheaper. K. Washburn questioned if there is funds in additional line items to cover the fuel and heating cost. D. Heywood stated that he kept the highway maintenance line item down in order to cover these budgets. B. Bergeron questioned the cost for the cutting edges, D. Heywood replied about \$700 and will be taken out of highway maintenance.

Board agreed to advertise for a highway labor seasonal part time position.

Parks & Recreation – Anne McInnis, Rick Miller, Tony Zina, Carol Russell

Board asked the Parks & Recreation Committee to come in to answer some questions that they have. B. Bergeron stated that the Board understood when they were hiring a Pool Director they were hiring 2 people at 20 hours per week to cover the original 40 hours, not 2 people at 40 hours each. A. McInnis she told the Board that they were picking up the duties of the Pool Director, guarding, teaching swimming, swim team and did so for a lot less hours than in the past.

B. Bergeron also stated that a few time members of the Board visited the pool and found that there were 3 guards and 1 in the concession, there was only 1 in the pool, raining, swim team cancelled, why was there so many there. A. McInnis stated that a couple of years ago the pool was closed more than it was open, 10 or less in the pool it was closed. So they changed the rules that unless it was thunder and lightening the pool was not closed. R. Miller said that there were complaints that people came to the pool and it was closed so they tried to make sure that the pool was open more and available. B. Bergeron said that there were a lot of days there was rain and no one was there. A. McInnis said they could come to some type of policy to make it clearer but don't feel that they can leave it to discretion. A. McInnis stated that the library does not close because there is no one there.

B. Bergeron also an invoice \$128 for 7 ribbons came into the office, can you do better than this. All stated that this cannot be right they will need to check into this it cannot be right, it must be boxes.

A. McInnis she is getting the feeling that they are doing a poor job. B. Bergeron said no, she feels that there is a waste when there is no one at the pool and there are a lot of people working there. T. Zina stated that they do have a sign up book where everyone that goes to the pool signs in, maybe the day that the board went to the pool there was only 1 but an hour earlier there were 20.

B. Bergeron also stated that twice there was overtime paid and does not feel that there should be overtime. A. McInnis stated that one time she gave permission for it as the Milford Rotary was there for the swim team and the guard was going to go over the 40 hours and she gave permission because she could not abandon the children there.

K. Washburn stated that they have 40% of their budget left. A. McInnis stated that they feel they had a great year, the place looks good and everyone worked hard. Everyone

was not going to come back but they decided to give it another year. She stated that the kids worked very hard to keep the place looking good and running in good condition.

R. Miller stated that he compared the usage to last year and they were down 34%, especially low was in August. They were open 15 days less this year than last and closed 6 days this year due to weather and only 3 last year.

K. Washburn questioned the purchase order for the tarp for the skating rink, she noticed last year there were funds for it, is this something we do each year. R. Miller explained that last year the tarp had cuts in it and when it warmed up the water went through. He called to get a price on a tarp for an ice skating rink and hoped to get it to last at least 3 years. Also K. Washburn asked if , the request for moving the snow, is that for plowing the rink or where the town leaves the snow near the gate. R. Miller stated no, for the highway department to move the snow down a ways so that he can get in easier to blow the snow.

Purchase Orders

Fire Department submitted 2 purchase orders: Bergeron Protective Clothing in the amount of \$7,256.41 for protective gear and Academy of First Response in the amount of \$1,300 for e EMT basic courses. Board approved the purchase order for the protective clothing but requested that the Fire Wards and Deputy Fire Chief attend a meeting with the Board to discuss the EMT course. L. Langille will schedule this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by,
Linda Langille

Minutes approved by,
Board of Selectmen

Scott Blease, Chairman

Kathleen Washburn

Brenda Bergeron