

Town of Milo
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT : Joseph Beres, Jerry Brown, Rick Gallagher and Tony Hamlin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Betty Gormley.

6:00 PM Call to Order by Jerry Brown, Chairman

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: None.

MINUTES: Joseph Beres made the Motion to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of December 13th as prepared.

Second – Rick Gallagher.

Passed - unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jerry received a letter which he forwarded on to the Selectmen, Planning Board and Board of Appeals Members from the Department of Environmental Protection stating the soon-to-be-implemented laws. Jerry received a draft copy from Brownville for the Transfer Station permits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Valerie Robertson stated that Bobby Ade was very pleased with the Police Department concerning the return of his dogs. Donald Crossman was concerned about the vacancies on the School Board. At this time there have not been enough people who have taken out papers to fill these vacancies. Jerry informed him that he knew of a few candidates that had stated they would be in to get the nomination papers. The deadline for returning nomination papers is January 25th.

Sheila Ellis stated that during a dance recital being held upstairs, the dance instructor could not dim the lights as needed because no one was familiar with the system. Jerry informed her that normally Blaine Chadwick was responsible for this and that this situation may simply have slipped through the cracks. When the Hall is rented out, the renter needs to specify if someone will be needed for lights or for the sound system. Lois Wagner wanted to compliment the Public Works crew for the excellent job they have been doing keeping the streets cleared and sanded.

AGENDA: SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION DISCUSSION: Tony Hamlin spoke about the School Consolidation being a huge issue with the residents of Milo. He stated the possibility of MSAD #41 ceasing to exist.

Shirley Wright, School Superintendent, stated that Maine State Law requires the school to at least be talking to another district. The Milo residents will still get to vote on the issue when it gets to that point. Shirley spoke about the different options they are looking into right now. Central is planning on standing alone. The School Board would rather not go with Foxcroft at this time which leaves the possibility of our school going with Howland. There are still many questions and with the laws continuously changing, it is difficult to say when or what will happen with MSAD #41. Shirley will keep the Board informed.

FINALIZATION OF TAN NOTE BID AND PREVIOUS TAN NOTE UPDATE: Jerry informed the Board that the TAN note has been finalized and that \$415,000 was mailed out for the final payment on the last TAN Note.

CASH FLOW SHEET: Jerry informed the Board that Robin's estimated projections were \$60,000 low. The school payment will be paid this week. The cash flow is good.

EPIP MINUTES REVIEW: Jerry informed the Board that work on securing the prison at the Industrial Park is still moving forward and looking very positive.

TAX ACQUIRED PROPERTY: Betty updated the Board on the properties that went out to bid: 4 pieces have been paid in full with 4 still needing to be paid. When all payments come in, the total will be \$47,347.50. The last day for payment is January 18th.

The Selectmen received a new list of owners for the 2005 unpaid taxes. The deadline for payment on these is January 11th. Some of the property owners have set up payment arrangements while others haven't contacted the office at all.

The final page in the handout shows the 2 pieces of property that did not sell during the bid process and the 1 piece of land the Town needs to hold onto for 1 more year.

AUDIT UPDATE: Jerry informed the Board that the Auditors will be starting the audit February 4th.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Jerry informed the Board that the Recycling Committee had met and that Fred Trask will be in touch with DEP.

MEDFORD READJUSTMENT BILL: Jerry Brown recommends writing off this bill for Medford. The Fire Department assisted in a call with the Ambulance. Joseph Beres made the Motion to write off the bill as presented.
Second – Tony Hamlin.
Passed – unanimously.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS: The Board discussed possible sites for the Kiwanis to have a building for storage. The Board agreed for Jerry to write a letter stating the Town has nothing available at this time, maybe in the future.

DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES:

Police Department: Robin informed the Board that the Police Department saved \$8300. MMA may also be reimbursing the Town for some costs.

Recreation Department: Robin informed the Board that John Pokrywka has signed off on his accounts for the Rec. Dept. at Maine Savings. Robin has been put on until a new Rec. Director is hired. The Library also had accounts there with people's names that are no longer employees. Robin removed the names and added hers. The Board approved of doing this.

Fire Department: The Fire Department has filled one position.

Other: Tony Hamlin reminded the Board they will need to discuss at the future meeting the increase of the Cemetery fees and the EPIP sale.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resignation: Tony Hamlin made the motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Benoit as MSAD #41 Board of Directors with regret.

Second – Joseph Beres.

Passed – unanimously.

Warrant #44: Tony Hamlin made the motion to sign Warrant #44 as prepared.

Second – Rick Gallagher.

Passed – unanimously.

Other: Jerry mentioned to the Board that Catherine (Kitty) Ellison came into the office to state she was wrong about the dates of the buildings and that the Comprehensive Plan is correct.

Jerry Brown received a letter from Dan Gilbert requesting his 2007 pay as Interim Code Enforcement Office and Interim Building Inspector. Jerry asked the Board for guidance as to his payment. Should he receive the amount of \$1400 which Dan is requesting or the remaining balance in the accounts set aside for the position. The Board recommended paying him the full \$1400.

Tony Hamlin made the motion to enter Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss Legal, Personnel and Real Estate Matters under Title 1, M.R.S.A. subtitle 405 (6) (A) and (C).
Second – Joseph Beres.
Passed – unanimously.

Tony Hamlin made the Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 PM.

Motions: NONE

Joseph Beres made the motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM.

Second – Rick Gallagher.

Passed – unanimously.

Adjournment