FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Matthew Smith, Scott Landry, Stephan Bunker and Michael Fogg. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Chief Clyde Ross, Deputy Chief Tim Hardy, Lt. Tim Hardy, Police Chief Jack Peck, Channel 11, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Determine the Policy for Entertaining Funding Requests from Non-Municipal and Social Service Agencies (Fen Fowler)

Richard Davis referred to a proposal from Fen Fowler, as well as the study of the other towns that was provided to the Selectmen showing how they determine their funding. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Fowler, who reviewed the study and asked the Town to encourage the County to return to its model of funding agencies and community and economic development projects. But, in the meantime, he expressed his hope that the Town will be open to reversing its policy of no outside agency being funded, look historically at what it did do, and start engaging the organizations in regard to what the needs of the Town are and how they can best serve the Town. Western Maine Community Action (WMCA) Director Bill Crandall spoke in support of the proposal and also stated that, in a good faith effort, WMCA will not be invoicing the Town for the \$1,700 voted on at Town Meeting. Comments were heard from Clyde Ross and John Rosenwald. The Selectmen expressed their concern that if the Town resumes outside agency funding the County won't bother to consider it again. Discussion included how any given agency will provide services or not to those Towns that do or don't fund them.

Stephan Bunker moved to pass on Item 2 until a future meeting, at which time a vote will be taken; Michael Fogg seconded.

The Selectmen reiterated that all outside agencies are deserving, but they are not willing to change their policy at this time.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

Fen Fowler stated that he is willing to provide the Selectmen with any additional information they require to make a future discussion more productive.

ITEM 3: To Discuss a Proposal to Purchase a Tanker Truck for the Fire Rescue Department (Chief Bell)

Richard Davis referred to Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell's memo dated August 10, 2018, which explains the department's rationale behind this proposal. Chief Bell explained the proposal, including cost/reserve account funding, and cited the lack of man power County-wide, and therefore, mutual aide as a major factor in the need for this tanker. Deputy Chief Tim Hardy pointed out the evolving changes in building construction materials and styles, which contribute to how fires burn and the hazards that creates, resulting in the need to change tactics and attack strategies. Discussion included: department and mutual aide responses as it relates to the time of day/night; annual reserve account budgeting; the vehicle replacement schedule and the possibility of buying used vehicles in the future and trading more often; fire grenades that suppress fire without water; portion of Town that is outside the hydrant district; and residential sprinkler systems. Lt. Tim Hardy spoke on vehicle type and size in regard to maneuvering throughout the Town and fitting in the fire station. Resident Bill Crandall spoke on need versus want. Chief Bell stated that Police Sgt. Hastings constantly watches for appropriate fire apparatus through the LESO Program, and Fire Rescue Lt. Tim Hardy now has the capability as representative of Franklin County of monitoring the Program.

Michael Fogg moved to not purchase a tanker truck at this time; Matthew Smith seconded.

Stephan Bunker, pointing out that the 2019 budget process will begin soon, encouraged the Selectmen to work with the Fire Rescue Department in being creative with refurbishment and purchase of future vehicles and increasing of Reserve accounts.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSTAINED 1MOTION CARRIED (Stephan Bunker)

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Police Chief to Enter into an Agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society to Provide Police Services for the week of the Farmington Fair, with the Amount to be Determined at the time of Billing, but not to Exceed \$13,650

Chief Jack Peck reviewed the agreement, and explained that the \$13,650 is for the maximum of 320 hours that has been determined to be needed for the week of police services.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the Police Chief to enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society to provide Police services for the week of the Farmington Fair, with the amount to be determined at the time of billing, but not to exceed \$13,650; Scott Landry seconded.

ITEM 4: To Authorize the Police Chief to Enter into an Agreement with the Franklin County Agricultural Society to Provide Police Services for the week of the Farmington Fair, with the Amount to be Determined at the time of Billing, but not to Exceed \$13,650 (Cont.)

Chief Peck clarified for resident Bill Crandall that the 320 hours is non-budgeted overtime for dedicated officers to work on the fairgrounds. He added that because his department does not have the manpower for the entire 320 hours, officers from other departments will be sworn in for just that week. Chief Peck pointed out that again this year they will be utilizing the LESO Program acquired UTV to maneuver around the fairgrounds.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 5: To Authorize the Police Chief to accept an Additional \$2,049.60 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to Conduct Impaired Driving Details from August 17, 2018 through September 3, 2018

Chief Jack Peck explained that he was contacted by the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to see if the department would be interested in receiving additional funds above those received in June for these details.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the Police Chief to accept an additional \$2,049.60 from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety to conduct impaired driving details from August 17, 2018 through September 3, 2018; Michael Fogg seconded.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Consider the Acquisition of a Bucket Truck through the LESO 1033 Program

Richard Davis handed out and reviewed a summary memo from Public Works Director Philip Hutchins of the need and uses for a different bucket truck. Mr. Davis also reviewed a memo and information from Sgt. Edward Hastings, who located the proposed truck. Chief Peck stated that since Maine is not a destination shipping state the approximate \$7,000 cost to ship the truck is a little more than it normally would be if there was something to be shipped back to Utah. Mr. Davis stated that repairs to the truck are estimated to be approximately \$1,000, both costs of which are to be funded from the Public Works Department's operating budget. Chief Peck stated that the Police Department will be using the bucket truck for installation of solar speed limit signs and traffic light repair. There are many things that the Public Works Department will be able to utilize the truck for, one of which is the pole setting feature.

Michael Fogg moved to approve the acquisition of a bucket truck through the LESO 1033 Program, with the transportation and repair costs to come from the Public Works Department's operating budget; Scott Landry seconded.

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Chief Peck clarified for Michael Fogg that having the truck shipped from Utah is much less expensive than hiring a local shipping company to transport it. Mr. Davis pointed out that it would be less expensive to fly someone to Utah to drive it back, but because of the repairs that need to be made the truck is not roadworthy, nor does the Town have a mechanic in its employ at this time.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

At Mr. Davis's request, Chief Peck agreed to notify Sgt. Hastings that he is authorized to acquire the bucket truck. Chief Peck stated that the department utilized the large military truck for its distracted driving detail today for the first time and it worked very well.

ITEM 7: To Consider the Reapplication of Robert Vallette to Serve on the Board of Appeals

Richard Davis explained that Mr. Vallette's term on the Board of Appeals expired June 30th but he did not wish to reapply at that time, but since his circumstances have changed so he would like to do so now.

Stephan Bunker moved to reappoint Robert Vallette to serve a 3-year term on the Board of Appeals; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Consider the Application of David Robbins to Serve as an Alternate on the Planning Board

Richard Davis stated that there is an opening for an alternate on the Planning Board.

Scott Landry moved to appoint David Robbins to serve a 1-year term as an alternate on the Planning Board; Michael Fogg seconded.

Mr. Robbins was present and the Selectmen thanked him for volunteering his time.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Execute a Corrective Deed for one of the Foreclosed Properties sold at Auction on June 13, 2018

Richard Davis explained that Freeman T. Chick and Freeman L. Chick, purchasers of the Town Farm Road property that was sold to them at auction, requested that the deed read "as joint tenants", so this deed has the language requested.

ITEM 8: To Execute a Corrective Deed for one of the Foreclosed Properties sold at Auction on June 13, 2018 (Cont.)

Matthew Smith moved to execute a corrective deed for the foreclosed property sold at auction on June 13, 2018 to Freeman T. Chick and Freeman L. Chick; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTEAFFIRMATIVE5MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen signed the deed.

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of July 10 and 24, 2018

Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of July 10 and 24, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

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ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis reported that Bonnie Baker, who is a resident of Skowhegan, has been hired to fill the Accounts Payable/Counter Clerk position. She will be working sporadically until she works off her notice at her present place of employment at the Town Office in Embden.
- **B**) Richard Davis reported that nominations are being taken for the oldest resident of Farmington to award the gold headed cane to. The last recipient recently passed away at the age of 108. So far a 104 year old woman has been identified as the oldest resident.
- C) Stephan Bunker reported that a number of Town personnel were able to be present on August 8th at the annual meeting of the Maine Town, City and County Management Association at the Jordan Hotel in Sunday River where Farmington's Town Manager Richard Davis was recognized as having been nominated and selected as Manager of the Year. Mr. Bunker congratulated him on that award. Town Secretary Linda Grant retrieved and displayed the plaque that the Town received in addition to the plaque that Mr. Davis received. Each of the Selectmen congratulated Mr. Davis, to which he expressed his thanks.
- **D**) Scott Landry reported that a small group met with representatives from Central Maine Power again and presented them with a proposal of what they would like to get from them. They felt that the meeting went well, and CMP is presently considering the proposal. It was Mr. Landry's understanding that the proposal was given to the executive chief today.

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

E) In response to Joshua Bell's inquiry as to the status of the Titcomb Hill Road paving, Richard Davis stated that fine grading and approximately one half of the paving has been done, but due to the weather the remainder has been delayed until the end of the week.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Matthew Smith moved to adjourn at 7:58 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.

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Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary