

**FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Matthew Smith, and Scott Landry. Michael Fogg was unable to attend. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser, Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote, Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell, Deputy Chiefs Clyde Ross and Tim A. Hardy, Captains Michael Bell and Tim D. Hardy, and firefighters Scott Baxter and Joseph Hastings, Planning Board member Michael Otley, 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 Hear a Presentation by Michael Forcillo, Executive Vice President of Redzone Wireless, LLC regarding the Company's Services and Network Expansion Plan in the Farmington Area**

Redzone Wireless, LLC Executive Vice President Michael Forcillo introduced himself and explained the Company's services and network expansion plan in the Farmington area with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation.

**ITEM 5: To Authorize the Police Department to Accept \$2,263.50 from Central Maine Community College to be placed in the Overtime Account for Officers to Conduct Training and to Accept \$2,500 from the Healthy Community Coalition's Rural Communities Response Program to be placed in a Separate Account for Opioid Related Cases**

Deputy Police Chief Shane Cote was present and explained the purpose of the funding from Central Maine Community College and the Healthy Community Coalition's Rural Communities Response Program.

**Scott Landry moved to authorize the Police Department to accept funds of \$2,263.50 from Central Maine Community College and \$2,500 from the Healthy Community Coalition's Rural Communities Response Program; Matthew Smith seconded.**

Deputy Chief Cote stated that the department is anticipating another \$2,500 from the Healthy Community Coalition in the fall.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

**ITEM 3: To Review the Changes made to the Proposed Town of Farmington Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance as a Result of the February 12, 2019 Public Hearing on Same**

Code Enforcement Officer Steve Kaiser explained the changes made to the Ordinance as a result of the Public Hearing held during the March 12<sup>th</sup> Selectmen’s meeting, as outlined in his memo dated February 27, 2019.

Resident Erica Haywood was present and handed out and reviewed a letter to the Selectmen dated March 12, 2019 from her and her husband, Eric (“Jack”) who was also present, requesting that the Selectmen reconsider the licensing fees associated with this Ordinance. Mr. Kaiser and the Selectmen addressed Mr. & Mrs. Haywood’s concerns.

**ITEM 4: To Discuss the Structural and Electrical Issues with the 2002 Pierce Dash Pumper (Engine 1) and Issues related to the 1995 E-One Pumper (Engine 2)**

Fire Rescue Chief Terry Bell and Captain Tim D. Hardy explained the problems that the department has been experiencing with the 2002 Pierce Dash Pumper and the 1995 E-One Pumper, as outlined in a letter to the Selectmen and Town Manager dated March 7, 2019. Chief Bell, Captain Hardy and the Selectmen discussed a possible resolution to the problems, with Deputy Chiefs Tim A. Hardy and Clyde Ross contributing to the discussion. Richard Davis pointed out that it’s to the Town’s advantage that the debt load is presently extremely low. The Selectmen asked Chief Bell to get quotes on bonding two vehicles at the same time, as well as a quote on replacing Engine 1 and a quote on repairing Engine 2.

**ITEM 6: To Approve an Expenditure of \$2,400 from the Unanticipated Line Repairs Reserve Account for Sewer Line Repairs**

Richard Davis explained that this was work that occurred in November, 2018 and was budgeted for the Reserve Account but payment has not as yet been made, and the auditors are looking for authorization of payment now.

**Matthew Smith moved to approve an expenditure of \$2,400 from the Unanticipated Line Repairs Reserve Account for sewer line repairs; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE            AFFIRMATIVE    4            ABSENT    1            MOTION CARRIED**  
**(Michael Fogg)**

**ITEM 7: To Discuss a Potential Shortfall in the 2019 Traffic Signal Budget**

Richard Davis explained that during the budget process he observed that the 2018 expenditures from this budget were few so he reduced the 2019 budget request to \$5,000. Two weeks ago invoices were received for work done in 2018 and 2019, the delay in billing being due to a change in the vendor’s office structure which resulted in late billing. Mr. Davis stated that he was able to negotiate a 25% reduction in the late invoices, but \$3,021 has already been expended from this budget. Mr. Davis suggested that he explain the situation at Town Meeting and ask for a motion to increase this budget another \$5,000 to return it to the \$10,000 typically budgeted each year. Mr. Davis

**ITEM 7: To Discuss a Potential Shortfall in the 2019 Traffic Signal Budget (Cont.)**

stated that the probability of MaineDOT upgrading the traffic lights and taking over maintenance of same won't likely take place for another year or two due to federal funding. He also stated that a local business has expressed an interest in taking the training certification required to maintain traffic lights, which would be very advantageous for the Town in terms of response time and expense.

**ITEM 8: To Approve the Minutes of February 26, 2019**

**Stephan Bunker moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2019; Matthew Smith seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

**ITEM 9: To Discuss Other Business**

A) Stephan Bunker pointed out that Maine Municipal Association (MMA) is Reminding municipalities of the start of hearings with the Appropriations Committee, one of the first being on Revenue Sharing. MMA is encouraging interest and attendance to discuss that item with the elected state officials. The Selectmen discussed the proposed increase in Revenue Sharing.

**ITEM 10: To Hold an Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405.6.A to Discuss a Personnel Matter**

**Matthew Smith moved to go into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.; Stephan Bunker seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

The Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 8:23 P.M.

No action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 8:23 P.M.; Scott Landry seconded.**

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 ABSENT 1 MOTION CARRIED  
(Michael Fogg)**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

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Michael J. Fogg - Secretary