Town of Leicester

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 17, 2011

Unapproved

**See subsequent minutes for any changes.

Members Present: Diane Benware, Ken Young, Ron Fiske, Bob Oliver, Tom Barker

Others Present: Julie Delphia, Arlan Pidgeon, Sandy Trombley, Secretary

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of Agenda: Agenda reviewed.

Approval of Minutes of January 3, 2011:

Motion by Tom to approve minutes of January 3, 2011 as written. Second by Ken. All in favor. So approved.

Review/Authorize Payment of Bills: Bills made their rounds for signatures.

Reports from Town Officials, Committees:

Town Clerk/Treasurer:

Julie reported that delinquents were at $92,700. $108,700 with interest and penalties.

Julie reported on how other towns handle delinquencies and tax sales. Discussion about benefits of going to a fiscal year versus a calendar year.

Julie needs one school board member, one selectboard member and two listers for the ballot. She needs petitions by next Monday.

The Department of Transportation road map is due the beginning of February and we need to add the two roads.

Road Foreman:

Arlan reported he purchased plow parts last week and invoice is in the bills.

Discussion of sand and what other town's are doing.

Ken reported to the Board that Lawes in Brandon would contribute/donate a trailer with 1,500 gallon stainless steel tank to Leicester for the use of liquid chloride and would sell the Town a 2,500 flat bottom polytank, 2" electric valve, transfer pump, hoses, couplers and valves not to exceed $2,000.

Action: Arlan, Tom, Ken, Ron and Bob will go to look at the trailer and tank and report back next Monday.

Zoning Administrator: No report.

Listers: No report.

Cemetery Committee: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit Info/Decision:

Diane reported that they received a proposal from Tom Telling in Middlebury. He would be willing to do an audit for $4,600 starting in September.

We also received a proposal from Sullivan & Powers in Montpelier. They would be willing to do an audit for $14,000 right now, or $12,000 after April 15th.

Both parties came recommended.

Motion by Ron to accept Tom Telling's proposal for audit of 2010 books for $4,600 with an allowance for miscellaneous and related costs. Second by Ken. All in favor. So approved.

Action: Diane will send Sullivan & Powers a letter.

Julie will need time to prepare and it will require some time for the auditors.

2011 Budget: Filling in the Blanks:

Board reviewed budget by line item.

Under listing there was discussion about Cecile contacting Ed and presenting proposal to the Board. At this time there is no budget amount.

Motion by Tom to increase recycling labor budget by $300. Second by Bob. All in favor. So approved.

Action: Diane will contact Richard for hourly wage and price per load.

Motion by Tom to increase Treasurer's salary from $7,500 to $8,000. Second by Ken. All in favor. So approved.

Discussion about whether Software/Server Upgrades should be part of the budget or as a separate warning item.

Motion by Tom to budget $3,000 for legal fees. Second by Ken. All in favor. So approved.

Discussion about adding a line item for the 250th Anniversary Celebration.

Arlan offered Town to rent his grader for $15,000 for 2011 with option to buy at year end for $35,000. He would provide the fuel and wants Town to provide cutting edges. Billed at $100 per hour, plus cost of operator at $17 per hour.

Motion by Tom to transfer $35,000 from the highway general fund to the restricted equipment fund for a future purchase. Transfer from the highway general fund to the restricted equipment fund for CY2010. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Back to Arlan's offer. Further discussion on maintenance. Board could not agree with $100 per hour, plus operator and fuel and Town providing cutting edges. 3 – no's 1 – yes and 1 – abstention

Final compromise and agreement: $105 per hour, plus operator at $17 per hour. Arlan pays for fuel and cutting edges.

Motion by Tom to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Second by Ron. All in favor. So approved.

Next meeting, Monday, January 24, 2011 to finalize budget and sign warning.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Trombley
Selectboard Secretary

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