



**Frenchville Board of Selectman & Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Frenchville Town Office

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOS Present: John Ezzy, Daniel Collin, Craig Lawrence, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier.

Budget Comm. Present: Jeremy Pelletier, Gary Paradis, Vernon Labbe, Danny Pelletier,

Kevin Lavoie

Others: Peter Parent, Eric Blanchette, Steve Young, John Labrie, Jeanelle Hurd, Eric St. Pierre,

Danna Ayotte.

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by John Ezzy at 6:30 PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened: 6:30 pm Time Closed: 6:30 pm

4. **New Business:** None

5. **Old Business:**

A. **Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session tabled until the end of the meeting.

B. **Fire Chief:** BOS signed Certificate of Appointment for new Fire Chief Peter Parent which was approved at last meeting dated January 17, 2017. Fire Chief Oath of Office was also signed by Peter Parent.

C. **Ambulance Service:** Ambulance Service Inc. had three staff members present to provide an explanation on why they are now asking for subsidy. Motion made by Craig Lawrence to put ASI on the budget; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

D. **Review 2017 Budget:** BOS and Budget Committee reviewed the Town Manager's recommended Budget for 2017. Items discussed included:

- Town Manager explained increases and projects needed for 2017.

- Suggestions to research health insurance costs and different deductibles.
- Sewer Revenues cannot be used for tax commitment per Maine State Revenue, Tony Pinette.
- Peter Parent mentioned he is aware he will need to fix and repair equipment and need items inspected. He will keep the budget within the bottom line but cannot guarantee he will follow it line per line. Both BOS and Budget Committee agreed that they understood his situation and they were fine with him at least keeping the budget within the total budget.
- Eric Blanchette, Public Works Director, brought to everyone's attention that the 2000 truck has a broken frame among other issues and he has come up with a plan to purchase a new truck to replace it this year. He has a plan which will allow the town to purchase the truck but not need to put the annual payment into the budget until 2019. This plan involved using funds in the Equipment Reserve account and using his surplus. There are loans being paid in full in 2018 which will free up funds for the 2019 budget which will allow the town to take over the truck payment. Eric was given permission to research the numbers more.
- Kevin Lavoie asked to bring back up Public Safety to make changes for Fire Department to allow funds for items needed. Discussion regarding requesting the towns people to allow him use of the 2016 surplus. To be added on Town Meeting Warrant for 3/21/2017.
- Town Manager, Ryan Pelletier mentioned a Sewer committee should be created to review costs and MOU with St Agatha. Steve Young explained Sewer license issue. Set up for next meeting.
- Motion made by Daniel Collin to give 2% wage increase to all employees; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.
- Kevin Lavoie complemented the work done to prepare materials for the budget review. He appreciated the time spent and explanations made so that they could better understand what they were reviewing.

6. **Other Business:**

- A. **Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session made by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries. Executive Session began at 8:47. Ended at 9:15.

7. **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.

8. **Adjourn:** A motion was made by Daniel Collin to adjourn, seconded by Yvon Dube at 9:15 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Tabled Items:

1. Farmer's Market Agreement.
2. Denver Avenue Easement- until spring 2017.
3. Revaluation for 2017.