



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, July 19, 2016 6:30 P.M.

Present: John Ezzy, Daniel Collin, Yvon Dube, Jamie Voisine, Ryan Pelletier
Others: Eric Blanchette, Steve Young, Danna Ayotte

1. **Call meeting to order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, John Ezzy at 6:29 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**
 Time Opened 6:30pm Time Closed 6:30pm
4. **Minutes of July 5, 2016:** Motion to approve minutes with revision to Section 7E changing the last sentence from grader to small dump truck was made by Yvon Dube; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Warrants, expenses, and payroll:** Warrants were signed and reviewed.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
July 7, 2016		47
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July 8, 2016	49	
July 14, 2016		50
July 18, 2016	51	

6. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Sewer Committee Update: Steve Young was present to discuss meeting with Frenchville & St Agatha Sewer Committees coming up tomorrow night, July 20 to discuss mediation issues. Some of the items discussed were:

- Steve has concerns because since St. Agatha's contract with Frenchville he has had to file three Incident Reports with the state because of overflow coming from St. Agatha which put Frenchville's license over limit.
- If we have an emergency situation or if a business wants to come into town we are limited on increase allowed.
- Intent of MOU when agreed upon and what items should be revised if renegotiated.
- Items that St. Agatha are disputing. Treatment and maintenance costs they claim should be deducted from what they owe us.
- Lack of Good Faith. No payment received since March Invoice. Numbers were not provided by St. Agatha ahead of time. Does not give committee the opportunity to review ahead.
- Amount owed by St. Agatha for 2014 should now include interest.
- Goals for tomorrow night's meeting.

7. New Business:

A. Road Project Update: Eric Blanchette, Public Works Supervisor, was available to provide the BOS an update on the road project. Pelletier and Church roads are complete except for the Pelletier gravel portion. The shoulders are higher than was anticipated in some areas and need to be shaped because they are dangerous. It would be a slow process to have public works do it so Ed Pelletier & Sons will come do it since they have the right equipment to complete it quickly. LRAP funds will cover the extra expense. Panel markers will be put on the roads until the striping can be done to make them safer. The ditching and culverts on Starbarn Avenue will begin Thursday.

The financial status to this date between cost and bids for Pelletier & Church roads is \$288 which is remarkable considering the size of this project.

B. Community Center Request: A request was received from Dona Saucier, Executive Director of the Fort Kent Chamber of Commerce. She is assisting in organizing a series of Regional County Legislative Candidate Forums. They would like to host one in the St. John Valley and consider Frenchville the best location since it is centralized. They've requested to have the Community Center at no charge on October 4. Jamie Voisine made a motion to hold the event at no charge; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Change of Accountant: Town Manager, Ryan Pelletier, indicated that he had been searching for an accountant firm which would be more interactive and willing to give our staff more direction. Many firms contacted for information were not taking new clients or had a lack of experience with the Trio computer software. Chester M Kearney's firm from Presque Isle was willing to meet with

us and the meeting was a very educational one. They've agreed to take our account. They will be coming in on Thursday, July 28 to reconcile the checking accounts and answer staff questions. There annual fee is \$3500 to \$5000 per year comparing to Keel Hood's fee of \$3500 annually. The extra assistance we receive from Kearney's office should compensate for the extra expense.

D. Fire Pond Bill: The 2015 Town budget allowed \$9000 to be spent to repair the Hill road fire hydrant which didn't get completed. Funds were reapproved at the 2016 Town Meeting. The project was worked on this summer and a bad valve was found along with the casing on the hydrant being cracked so the hydrant was replaced. The total cost of the project was \$12,698.75 with a fund shortage of \$3,698.75. Daniel Collin made a motion to apply this extra expense towards the use of the unauthorized expense funds approved at the 3/22/16 Town Meeting- Warrant Article #43; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Other Business:

A. Acadian Festival Parade: Town of Frenchville will be participating in the parade this year. There will be a float created using Pelletier Farm's low bed. Rachel Raymond will be contacting the Kitchen Party musicians to play on the float and she will also be contacting people to make ployes on the float to pass out. The staff had several other ideas in mind which they will try to organize.

B. Madawaska Auction: Town Manager brought it to the BOS' attention that he would be contacting Madawaska to show interest in the outhouse they have at auction. This would be convenient for the Heritage Park in the future. He also discussed fire truck available at auction which was determined would not be an improvement to the current fleet.

C. Grants: Town Manager updated BOS on discussions he's had with David Wylie regarding grants available.

9. Future Meeting Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:30 pm at the Frenchville Town Office.**

10. Adjourn: A motion was made by Jamie Voisine, seconded by Craig Lawrence to adjourn at 8:01 pm. All in favor. Motion Carried.