



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOS Present: John Ezzy, Craig Lawrence, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier
Others: Brenda Bourgoin, Jason Marquis, Peter Parent, Linda Picard, Mike Cyr, Eric Blanchette, 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: 6:31 pm Time Closed: 6:32 pm

Linda Picard here to discuss Ambulance service which will be discussed during Item #7.

4. **Minutes of March 7, 2017:** Motion to approve minutes by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants signed and approved:**

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
3-9-2017		15
3-14-2017	16	
3-16-2017		17
3-23-2017		18
3-24-2017	19	
3-30-2017		20

6. **New Business:**

A. Executive Session: Personal Property Tax Bill: Motion by Jamie Voisine to go into executive session; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Session began at 6:34. Ended at 6:41
Motion by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Jamie Voisine to abate equipment as discussed and put on BETE program. All in favor. Motion carries.

B. Executive Session: Abatement Request - Motion by Yvon Dube to go into executive session; seconded by Craig Lawrence. Session began at 6:41. Ended at 6:48. Motion by Jamie Voisine to approve agreement made with taxpayer during executive session in which taxpayer will pay \$430 by the end of April then \$100 per month until the balance of 2015 taxes are paid. Seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

C. Pelletier Avenue Research Update by Mike Cyr: Mike stated he has completed lots of research. Research starts on 5/9/1846 for all of Northern Aroostook County. No deed of record of Pelletier avenue from 1877 to 4/6/2017. Mike showed the BOS maps for various years showing the status of the Pelletier Road which shows that a public way existed and a deed does not exist but a county commissioner's record could exist. Next step will be to check the County Commissioner's records. He has 23 hours spent so far on research. Town Office research will be to look for work on Pelletier road and if there was compensation paid for work done on Pelletier road. It is clear that the road exists but it's a question of law on who has rights to the road. Loss or doubtful boundaries. In some situations, the municipal officers can use 1 ½ rods from the center line. He needs another week of research. ADR is scheduled for June 22 at 9 am in Caribou.

D. Ambulance Services: Originally Item F on agenda. Motion to move this item to Item D by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence.

BOS met with ASI and Madawaska during past meetings. Discussion on which to go with for service. Concerned about transfers which we should be focusing on emergency calls only. Concerns if we don't go with ASI and what will their outcome be. Concerns about the time it takes for ASI to get here in an emergency. Madawaska has someone there all the time. ASI has people on call but not at the location. The town had 50 emergency calls and an additional 41 calls to the nursing home. Some of the nursing home calls are transfers and not emergencies. Motion by Yvon Dube; seconded by Craig Lawrence to table discussion and attempt to get ASI and Madawaska at a future meeting.

E. Fire Chief Request: List of current fleet was passed out. Fire Chief wants to apply for FEMA grant. Last few year's grants are at 75% and town pays 25%. Needs BOS permission to apply and BOS' support that town would provide the 25% needed if grant is awarded. Applying for grant of \$425,000. Grant would only be awarded 12 to 18 months from now so we could go to the town for fund approval at that time. There are also lease options for the town's portion of funding. This truck would replace the 1971 and 1966 trucks. The Fire Chief and Town Manager expressed their concerns with working with old trucks and the risk that truck breaks down during a fire call. BOS agreed with their concerns. Motion by Jamie Voisine that BOS support the Fire Chief's efforts in applying for a grant to get newer truck; Yvon Dube seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

Also have 20 Scott air tanks which are expiring in 2020. Looking at a cost of \$28,000 to \$30,000 to replace all 20. Fire Chief will try to get as much as he can from MMA grant. He hopes to possibly purchase 5 this year and continue purchasing about 5 each year until they have all been replaced by the 2020 deadline.

Safety violations from Department of Labor inspection have been about 90% completed. BOS thanked Fire Chief, Peter Parent for his efforts.

F. New Garage Specifications: Eric Blanchette updated BOS on specs for new cold storage building. We originally stated we thought we would receive \$104,000 from the insurance company but that amount may be less. He also explained a few different options such as

thoughts to bring the building forward to move away from trees and have 3 doors facing the public works parking lot. The plan originally had 4ft concrete walls but now going with just a floating concrete slab. It will be a wooded building with sheet metal on sides and roof. Gagnon property had been purchased with intentions to move public works traffic away from the town office driveway which we will put this plan in place this summer while doing the earthwork for the building. Redirecting traffic will save pavement and draining around town office. Asking for permission to post bids for earthwork and building contracting separate. Discussion regarding loft or attic and height of building. Grader must fit through door. Goal is to finish building by July 1st. Craig made motion for Option 1 which is without an attic for safety reasons; Jamie Voisine seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

G. Bidding Policy for Local Contractor Preference: Town Manager would like to have option to give local contractors option of 2% to 10% variance on bids to help town people. Motion by Craig Lawrence; seconded Jamie Voisine to adopt a local bidding policy go with the wording provided of 2% variance on bids. All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Other Business:

- A. **MMA Insurance for Pelletier Avenue Damage:** FYI: Town manager was requested to make a claim and claim was denied because they do not insure land damage.
- B. **LD234-** was pulled from legislature. Because it was not supported by the majority of the BOS.
- C. **CDBG** - 5 grant applications going through the process this Friday. Discussion on businesses who are applying for grants. Includes prospect for Rosette's Restaurant to get the doors open again asap. Getting paperwork done with 13 employees to show loss of employment and incomes. Also working with Ricky Daigle to avoid shutting down gas tanks.
- D. **TIFF:** Town Manager is still working on getting a TIFF program in the town. Mr Ezzy stated that it's important for the direction for this town.
- E. **Heritage Park:** Town Manager updated the BOS stating that the first grant was approved but no funds were available. Another grant is coming up in October and was told it was a better chance to get these funds. Ryan working with Bob Marquis for ATV trail to have signs leading riders to the Heritage park. Also contacting land owners for the cell phone tower to get ATV riders the authorization to set up a picnic table and rest stop by the towers.
- F. **School Consolidation:** Planning grant has been approved.

8. Next Meeting:

- **Board Meeting April 18, 2017 @ 6:30 pm**

- 9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Craig Lawrence at 8:17 pm; seconded by Jamie Voisine. All in favor. Motion carries.

Tabled Items:

1. **Farmer's Market Agreement.**
2. **Denver Avenue Easement- until spring 2017.**