



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Frenchville Board of Selectpersons/Budget Committee Meeting**

**Town of Frenchville Town Office**

**Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30pm**

**Craig Lawrence, Yvon Dube, Clarence Roy, Jeremy Pelletier, Danny Pelletier, Vern Labe, Aurel Lavoie, Gary Paradis, Andrew Nolan**

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairman Craig Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened **6:31pm** Time Closed **6:32pm**

4. **Approval of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 BOS Meeting Minutes:** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes were approved. A motion was made by Yvon Dube, seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants, Expenses, and Payrolls/Signatures**

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
02/08/2018		10

6. **New Business:**

A. **2018 Budget**

A motion to discuss the budget by department was made by Yvon Dube, and seconded by budget committee member, Gary Paradis. The Town Manager shows the board and committee different insurance options for the full time staff of the town. The board also questioned the budget for the sewer by raising the budget or leaves the deficit for future litigation.

**General Government:** Kevin Lavoie asks about the town manager wages whether he submits a time card or is paid salary. Town Manager explains that he did not get any stipend or extra money from Pelletier Ave project. The towns audit can prove that. If auditor finds any discrepancies, he immediately calls the board chairman. Craig said that did not get any calls.

Craig explains that there was a meeting where they voted on that any expenses from Pelletier Ave would be charged to that account because at one point the Pelletier Ave account was not decreasing. Kevin expresses as a budget committee member that it would have been nice if the Pelletier Ave project would be over. A motion to approve the General Government budget was made by Yvon Dube seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Safety:** Fire chief Peter Parent discusses ladder safety and updating their radios and pagers. A motion to approve the Public Safety budget was made by Yvon Dube seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Public Works department:** Craig discusses numbers that we would save with Pelletier Ave out of the way. Eric quickly corrected him that the difference would not be as substantial as he is saying. Budget committee expressed that we need to come up with two different budgets if the town votes to keep the road open and spend the 2 million it will take to fix the road up to the judges' order. A motion to approve the Public Works budget as presented was made by Dan Pelletier second Clarence Roy. All in favor, Motion carries.

#### **Social Services:**

**Veteran flags-** a motion to approve the request were made by Kevin Lavoie, seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. --- **\$500.00** All in Favor. Motion Carries

**Life Flight-** A motion to put life flight back on the warrant was made by Jeremy Pelletier seconded by Clarence Roy -- **\$400.00.** All in favor. Motion carries.

**MSAD Food Pantry- A motion to approve the request \$250.00-**was made by Craig Lawrence seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Fort Kent Chambers-** Request \$300.00 - Motion by Clarence Roy, seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Maine Public TV/Radio-** A motion to approve the request was made by Yvon Dube seconded by Craig Lawrence. \$100.00 All in favor. Motion carries.

**Homeless Services of Aroostook-** A motion to strike/remove from the warrant was made by Kevin Lavoie seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Aroostook Council for Medical Services-** A motion to strike/remove from the warrant was made by Dan Pelletier seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Health Equity Alliance-** A motion to strike/remove from the warrant was made by Jeremy Pelletier seconded by Dan Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Rec Dept.** - A motion to approve the requested amount was made by Kevin Lavoie seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Community Center**- A motion to approve the requested amount was made by Kevin Lavoie seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Legal Services**- A motion to approve the requested amount was made by Kevin Lavoie seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Debt Services**- A motion to approve the requested amount was made by Dan Pelletier seconded by Jeremy Pelletier. All in favor. Motion carries.

**Capital Improvements**: Eric Blanchette, Public Works Director explained to the board and budget committee that the garage needs some maintenance done. Sheet metal, capping around the doors, change the blue color, pave in front of the garage doors. The brick also needs to be fixed. This project will require a contractor and the public works guys will help the contractor with the work. A motion to approve the request was made by Jeremy Pelletier second by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries. **Amount of \$10,000.00**

**Little Rec Building**: Town manager expresses to the board and budget committee that the little rec building is rotting and not up to code anymore. We've come up with some rough estimates from J & J Mini barns to construct a new building to replace the old one. Some suggestions were that the public works guys could help demo for the project. Another suggestion was that the cub scouts and girl scouts could do fundraising. A motion to approve this requested amount was made by Yvon Dube seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries **\$15,000.00**

**Sewer Treatment Plant Lagoon Cell # 2**: Cell #2 - is full of sludge and needs to be cleaned. Hasn't been done since 1995. There was some questioning about where to dump the sludge. Need to find a site to be able to dump and currently working with DEP on this. This is a big project on its' own. Goal is to try and find a local site. A motion to approve the request was made by Kevin Lavoie seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries. **\$12,500.00 Total Project Estimate \$25,000.00. St. Agatha to Pay the other 50 percent of this bill. REVISED on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. See additional minutes for this.**

**Cold Storage Building at Sewer Plant** - Walls are rotting- asking for \$5,000 for this Capital Project. - Motion by Kevin Lavoie and Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in Favor- Motion Carries.

**Pine Trees at sludge site**: Town Manager explains that the large pine trees at the sludge site are starting to cause a problem. The pine needles are extremely acidic and getting into the sludge. The trees would need to be cut. No motion was made, no amount needed at this time.

7. **Other Business**: NONE

8. **Meeting Dates**: Next Board of Selectman meeting will be Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Town Office @ 6:30pm.

9. **Adjourn**: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Pelletier and seconded by Kevin Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned @ 10:15pm