



MEETING MINUTES
Frenchville Board of Selectpersons/Budget Committee Meeting
Town of Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday February 6th, 2018 @ 6:30pm

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 25th, 2018 BOS Meeting Minutes:** A motion to table the approval of the minutes until the next meeting was made by Yvon Dube and seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants, Expenses, and Payrolls/Signatures**

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
01/25/2018		6
01/25/2018	7	
02/01/2018		8
01/31/2018	9	

6. **New Business:**

A. **Discussion by Chairman about Pelletier Avenue:**

Chairman discusses good news and bad news. Good news is that after months of chasing Mr. John Ezzy we finally have easements to his property. Clarence asked if we got all the easements to the road and Craig answered no. The town sent out letters to the residents of Pelletier Ave to sign easements to their property. Craig explained that we got 4 out of 10. With the letters the town sent out, 6 people said they would not give easements. So the good news is that we got the easement, now we get to read it. The easement says, that for Airport road to Pelletier road and to move the road and leave the center line as it exists which means we can't move the road, and in order to meet the qualifications of the judges orders, we would have to file eminent domain against Mr. John Ezzy, we would have to take him to court which means more legal fees and eminent domain fees which means after any property that we would receive after the many times Mr. Ezzy has

said he'd give us whatever we need, we will now have to pay for. The easements that we have from Mr. Ezzy are no good because this requires that the road not to be moved and the court order requires us to move the road. For the record, this was done before the judge stamped his approval on this. Ryan explains that the "Town of Frenchville" is being used as an example for Shelby's training in Caribou, of what NOT to do. The county commissioners office has already been contacted by 3 people, and the commissioner is now asking "what are you not doing by the agreement because it's stating here in a 5 page email that you are not following the judgment..." Ryan expresses that we are only 7 days into this and this has already been brought to the country commissioner, and it is happening. At this point this needs to be brought to a town meeting to be voted on. It will cost the town approximately 2 million dollars to oblige by the judges' order. If the town votes no, the town cuts their losses and the road will no longer be maintained by the town. We would have to pay back Mr. Ouellette's court fees which he already said he would waive. A motion was made by Yvon Dube to reject Mr. Ezzy's easement. Seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.

B. 2018 Budget:

Discussed were the wages of the employees of the town. A wage increase of 2% was brought to the table. Town is paying \$7,400 less than last year since Steve Young and Andre Gendreau aren't taking insurance and Susette Zetterman is paying 20% of the insurance package. This year there has been a 6% increase for health insurance. The town is offering the POS200 and is last years' plan as well. A motion for the 2% increase for employees was made by budget committee member Jeremy Pelletier, seconded by Aurel Lavoie. All in favor. Motion carries. The town managers wage was put aside and talked about privately. Each department was talked over with the budget committee and board members and will reconvene on February 13, at the next budget meeting to approve the articles for the warrant.

7. Other Business: NONE

- 8. Meeting Dates: Next Budget meeting will be February 13th, 2018 at the Town Office @ 6:30pm. Next Board of Selectman meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at the Town Office @ 6:30pm.**
- 9. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was called by Chairman Craig Lawrence. Motion was made by Yvon Dube, seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:37pm.**