



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOS Present: John Ezzy, Daniel Collins, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier

Others: Steve Young, John Labrie, Jenelle Hurel, Eric Blanchette, Todd Mathieson, 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: 6:31 pm
4. **Minutes of March 21 and April 4, 2017:** Motion to approve minutes by Yvon Dube; seconded by Daniel Collins. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants signed and approved:**

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
4-6-2017		21
4-6-2017	22	
4-13-2017		23

6. **New Business:**

A: BOS recognize Tyra Michaud: The BOS presented Tyra Michaud with a plaque expressing the town's appreciation in Tyra's achievement in receiving the Entrepreneurship Award from Hardy Girls Healthy Women Organization.

B: Ambulance Services: Chairman opened discussion regarding committing to an Ambulance service. John Labrie and Jenelle Hurel from ASI were present to answer questions.

Mr. Labrie stated that he attended the town meeting and the warrant with the annual town report had Ambulance Service Inc. and the same dollar amount ASI requested. He had impression that the town had approved going with their service. Daniel Collin informed him that the warrant which was posted in town was revised after the annual report was published.

Daniel Collin feels that he would be doing a disservice to the town people by approving to pay more than what we needed to.

Mr. Labrie clarified that information provided at the prior meeting included the emergency calls which was 88 calls in 2016. The state has record of 92 calls but 2 were marked with deletion and 2 others had extra units called out. The transfers were not included in these numbers. Of the 88, the emergency calls to the nursing home was 25. Madawaska is stating that they will charge a set amount. John Ezzy suggested we pay ASI up to July then see what Madawaska decides to do. Mr. Labrie stated that ASI replies to Madawaska as backup. In 2014, ASI had 26 emergency calls to Madawaska; 30 in 2015; 30 in 2016.

Concerns by Yvon Dube that cost went from \$0 to \$16,717. What will happen next year? Mr. Labrie answered that he doesn't know. It could go up or down.

Dan also expressed concerns to where ASI is heading financially. Mr. Labrie stated "With communities helping out, we should be fine." This is a national problem. He was asked to speak in Augusta on Friday but he won't be able to make it. Can't really expect that reimbursements will go up. Legislative action takes a while. Subcities were based on valuations and not number of calls made. Daniel Collins asked if it would make a difference if town would split half to ASI and half to Madawaska. Mr. Labrie stated that this year it wouldn't make a difference but possibly next year changes could be made. Mr. Ezzy asked what ASI's balance sheet looks like because they stated there was a loss of \$250,000 last year. Mr. Labrie said they are doing regular audits, purchasing less supplies and doing everything they can to change the balance sheet for 2017. Mr. Labrie stated that a balance sheet could be provided.

Ryan asked about response time. Mr. Labrie answered people on call live in 3 mile vicinity but not there on site.

Daniel Collins motion to go with Madawaska from this point forward; Jamie Voisine seconded. Yvon Dube is concerned that Madawaska costs will go up. Daniel Collins feels that a decision needs to be made. Mr. Labrie stated that our decision could affect relationship with Frenchville and Madawaska. There are situations that ASI would have no choice but to respond but calls to residences have a possibility that ASI will not respond.

2 in favor to going with Madawaska. 1 opposed. Motion carries. Proration to ASI to May 31. Must post Public Notice for at least 30 days. Effective June 1, 2017 all 911 calls will go to Madawaska and ASI will not respond.

C. Sewer Update: Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier stated that there will be two portions to this discussion. The first regarding the heavy flows and second will be in executive session per Steve Young's request. Two handouts given by

Steve with graphs. One with St Agatha flow and another with April flows. Steve is concerned about heavy flows coming from St. Agatha and requested an increase in capacity from DEP. The lagoon looks fine. This is fourth year that St Agatha has overflows. Letters were sent to Frenchville sewer users asking them to keep overflows in consideration. Stations and Pumps are working hard. If breakdown happens, percentage should be considered in splitting costs with St. Agatha. Town Manager asked if we want to set a date to sit with St. Agatha to discuss the MOU. We already requested meetings in January and February but that didn't work. We should request again. John Ezzy asked Steve Young if he could come up with an outline with the issues with the MOU so the BOS can go over it and have it to use during their meeting with St Agatha. Attempts will be made to meet week of May 22nd with St Agatha.

Daniel Collin made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25; Yvon Dube seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting came back to order at 7:47. Daniel Collin wants to commend Steve Young for all the work he has done and is continuing to do with the waste water system.

D. Chairman of Board Appointment: Yvon Dube made a motion to table discussion until we have a full board available; Daniel Collin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

E. Executive Session: Public Works Employee: Motion made by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Yvon Dube to go into executive session at 7:52. Meeting came back to order at 8:28. Motion by Yvon Dube to not accept request by Public Works employee Todd Mathieson; seconded by Daniel Collin. All in favor. Motion carries.

7. Other Business:

A. New Building Update: Deadline will be May 1 and bids will be opened at the May 2 BOS meeting. Public Notice states that bids will be awarded within 7 days after opening. There has been a lot of interest from contractors. Bid package has concrete, building, electrical bids as three separate items. Not all bids will be from general contractors and town will be going with the lowest expense. Town will be implementing 2% to town businesses. A spreadsheet will be put together the day following bid opening to review. A possible BOS meeting may be scheduled for May 4 to award bids.

B. Town Manager-Discipline Plan: Town Manager passed out a draft copy for a new Discipline Plan to be reviewed by the BOS. Suggestions for changes will be accepted and discussion will continue at a future meeting.

C. Town Clerk requests for signatures:

- Request to BMV for Truck level registrations
- Appointment of Tax Collector
- 2017 County Tax Bill
- Grant Council Resolution
- BYOB Application

8. Next Meeting:

- Board Meeting May 2, 2017 at 6:30.

- Possible Meeting on May 4, 2017 at 6:30 to award bids on building.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm by Daniel Collins; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

Tabled Items:

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