



MEETING MINUTES
Frenchville Board of Selectpersons Meeting
Town of Frenchville Town Office
Thursday January 25th, 2018 @ 6:30pm

Present: Chairman Craig Lawrence, Town Manager Ryan Pelletier, Yvon Dube, Clarence Roy, Andrew McQuarrie, Linda Picard, Peter Parent, Nicole St. Pierre, Andrew Nolan, Don Eno, WOWL crew

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairman Craig Lawrence called 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 4th, 2018 BOS Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve January 4, 2018 minutes 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
1-12-2018	141	
1-22-2018	142	
1-11-2018		2
1-11-2018	3	
1-18-2018		4
1-18-2018	5	

Yvon Dube called for a motion to move topic C in “New Business” to topic A. Andrew McQuarrie made the motion. Clarence Roy seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

6. New Business:

A: Pelletier Ave Declaration discussion-

Town Manager, Ryan Pelletier reads the final judgment signed by the judge. Expresses that we do not have any easements or right of way to go on that land to do the work that was asked by Mr. Bruce Ouellette. We don't have the right of way to extend the road. For the town to do the work, we couldn't even do it if we wanted to because we do not have any easements or right of

way on that land. A towns person asked, "Why can't you call it 'game over' if you don't have all the easements?" Town Manager says with talking to our lawyer today...it's a very sad situation. It's basically a "take it or leave it" situation. Chairman Craig Lawrence reads from the judgement, "If any parties fail to comply with terms of this judgment the court may in its' discretions, impose sanction fees to the prevailing parties." We are going to need 1.9 million dollars just to get this road up to standard, and this will 100% be at the expense of the tax payers. " Whose winning here?" asked Ryan. The townspeople at this point have no say in this. Our only option would be having to pay the sanctions and walking away. To accept the judgment, the townspeople will have to pay the 1.9 million dollars to fix the road. We do not have a million dollars to allocate to that. Craig explained the term "Confirmatory Deed." It is a deed that fills in a title of a full title deed. It cannot be used as a new deed. It would be illegal. The tax payers are paying and we are now \$12,000 in the negative in the Pelletier Ave account. Walking away from this is our only option. Either way, the towns people will have to pay. Craig Lawrence asked Linda Picard who was also attending the meeting; about her sons car accident on Pelletier Ave. What did the police declare it is? Linda explained that the police couldn't give him a ticket or summons because it was "Private Property." Bruce Ouellette said not to worry about the sanctions meaning the attorney fees. So if we walk away from this, we do not maintain it because it is a private road.

Yvon Dube made a motion to table this topic and seek legal advice. Andrew McQuarrie seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

At the end of the day, right now we are plowing a private road at the expense of the tax payers.

Yvon Dube made a motion to seek an alternative lawyer for a second opinion. Andrew McQuarrie seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Manager will begin looking for an alternative lawyer tomorrow.

B. Additional Compensation Stipend for Selectman-

The Board of Selectman are regularly scheduled and compensated for 24 meetings per year which is \$1000 per selectman. In 2017 the board attended 36 meetings and a number of mediation meetings. The board talked about being reimbursed for their time off from work that they have needed to take to be able to attend these extra meetings. Craig mentioned that we were already three weeks into the year and has already attended three extra meetings than usual. A motion was made by Yvon Dube that going forward the selectman's time will be documented, and will be compensated \$40 per meeting going over their 24 regular scheduled per year and also \$15 per hour for any meetings where they will be needing to take time away from their jobs. Motion was seconded by Andrew McQuarrie. All in favor. Motion carries.

C. Ambulance discussion from Regional Meeting-

Town Manager discusses that the ASI contract with Madawaska Ambulance is until 2020. No problems with it. New service would be split between surrounding towns like Madawaska, and Fort Kent. They are looking to form a committee to discuss this new idea. Andrew McQuarrie offered to be a part of that board. Chairman Craig Lawrence called for a motion to nominate Andrew McQuarrie to be a part of the board. Yvon Dube made a motion, Clarence Roy seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

D. Peter Parent to address BOS – Emergency and Operation Plan- Statue 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

A motion to move topic D into Executive Session; Motion made by Yvon Dube, seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor. Motion carries.

E. St. Agatha Sewer- Flow Update 2017 totals-

Town Manager took the time to brief the public that for 2015-2017 that the averages of flows from St. Agatha are exceeding the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) Contract. In 2015 they were over 500,000 gallons above average. In 2016; above 1,716,000 gallons. In 2017; above 2,497,000 gallons. Town Manager expressed that it keeps going up and up. The numbers are not adding up to the MOU. They have more users, more flow. St. Agatha has paid but not at the right price. Andrew McQuarrie asked “Is there any way to regulate what they send us?” Board said NO. Andrew also asked “Is there a way to reduce their flow?” The board answered NO. Yvon Dube explained that according to the MOU we have to treat what they send us. Craig also explained that if we were to reduce their flow they would have no place to put it, it would create a health hazard, and that would fall on the Town of Frenchville. We tried to issue a penalty, and we were told that we couldn’t do that. No motion was made.

7. Other Business: TM Update

- 8. Meeting Dates: Feb 6th, Feb 13th, - Budget Committee/BOS 2018 Budget Meetings
Next Board of Selectman Meeting will be Tuesday, February 20th 2018 at the
Town Office @ 6:30pm.**

- 9. Adjourn: Chairman Craig Lawrence calls for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Yvon Dube made a motion to adjourn, Andrew McQuarrie seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned @ 8:43pm.**