



Frenchville Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
Frenchville Town Office
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

BOS Present: John Ezzy, Craig Lawrence, Jamie Voisine, Yvon Dube, Ryan E. Pelletier
Others: Charles Collin, Curtis Collin, Don Eno, Nicole St. Pierre, Ann Marie Ouellette, Dave Pelletier, Bern Pelletier, Ann Ezzy, Steve Young, 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: 6:30 pm Time Closed: 6:30 pm

4. **Minutes of April 18, 2017:** Motion to approve minutes by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.
5. **Warrants signed and approved:**

WARRANT DATE	ACCT PAYABLE	PAYROLL
4-19-2017	24	
4-20-2017		25
4-27-2017		26
5-2-2017	27	

6. **New Business:**

A: Cold Storage Bid Opening: Town Manager, Ryan E. Pelletier, informed the BOS that a local contractor passed in bid today, May 2 at 10:59 am but bids were due yesterday at 4:00 pm. Town Manager explained that a cover page was missing which was why it

was passed in late and contractor went by conversation he had with Public Works Supervisor who stated bids would be opened May 2 at 6:30 pm. BOS all agreed that they would accept the bid since it was an error on the administration part in the packet the contractor received.

BOS proceeded by opening bids. Details to follow on spreadsheet to be provided on Thursday night when the BOS meets again to discuss and approve bids.

General bids received from:

Bruce Plourde

J&P Carpentry

Dumond Construction

John Deschaine

Bill's Construction Inc.

TH Enterprise (need clarification before Thursday)

P&M Construction

GP Carpentry

Northern Home Solution

Marty's Custom Builders

Collin Builders

Concrete bids received from:

JR Boucher & Son Construction

Mark's Concrete Flatwork

Caron Builders and Ground Tek

Electric bids received from:

Soucy's Electrical

Ken L Electric

RL Todd & Son Inc

RLC Electric

RE Daigle Electric

Rino's Electric (includes a rebate)

Town Manager and Public Works Supervisor will review the bids and prepare a spreadsheet for better comparison and review. A 2% Local Preference will be calculated for Frenchville contractors when preparing the review spreadsheet.

B. Petition #1 - Recall Petition: Chairman, John Ezzy asked attendees if anyone present was involved in writing the petition. Ann Marie Ouellette stated that their attorney wrote it. Mr. Ezzy read the petition to attendees. Mr. Ezzy's opinion is that 90% of information on the recall petition is false. There are also lot of mistakes on the petition. Jamie Voisine expressed that he is concerned about what is written on the petition. He feels the petition should be denied as written.

Craig Lawrence expressed that he could "go either way". He brought up the subject regarding Mr. Ezzy having offered 4 lots. Mr. Ezzy clarified that there are 4 lots that are good lots to build on. Ann Ezzy stated that the lots are not John's to give. She wanted to offer 2 lots and the goal was to create more tax income to the town of Frenchville if people built on the lots given.

John Ezzy felt the BOS should not vote during this meeting since it could end in tie.

Craig Lawrence stated that ordinance states that clerk needs to follow up with petition and still bring it to vote with the people even if the BOS denies the petition. John feels that the BOS should still make a decision.

Ann Ezzy asked “What is the point of discussing the project of the road when the only road not done is our road?”

Nicole St. Pierre who was one of the road petition circulators stated that “people wanted to sign the petition and I didn’t even need to explain why. People know what you’re doing John”.

Jamie Voisine wants to wait to vote Thursday when entire board will be present.

Yvon Dube made a motion to accept the petition; Craig Lawrence seconded. 2 in favor. 1 objection. 1 abstained. Motion carries.

C: Petition #2 - Pelletier Avenue Petition: John Ezzy asked Ann Marie Ouellette, the circulator, if she told people their taxes would be going up. She first denied having said that and then changed her comment to add in that she may of mentioned that taxes could go up. John Ezzy asked the Town Manager “Will taxes go up to finish that road?” Answer was no. Taxes are remaining the same and funds for the road are in an escrow account.

Yvon Dube said “taxes can go up because of this project because if we wouldn’t have this \$1 million loan payment in future years, taxes could go up.”

John read the petition for attendees.

Bern Pelletier asked “why is the money appropriated for the project paying the legal fees? Town Manager and BOS discussed that the legal fees should be coming from the road project funds because it’s related to the project. Mrs. Pelletier is concerned that the funds in escrow will all go towards legal fees and there won’t be funds left to finish the project. The BOS agreed that it’s a possibility but it only makes sense to use the project funds for that cost.

Ann Ezzy stated that town should wait until the court decides vs doing this petition.

Ann Marie Ouellette stated she is upset because John Ezzy started with a camp in summer and ended up with a retirement home which now needs road open in winter.

Discussion between Ann Marie Ouellette and Dave Pelletier regarding the opening of the road in the winter time. Dave Pelletier explained the agreement he had with the town regarding the road. There was disagreement regarding what had been agreed on and Dave Pelletier told Ann Marie Ouellette “do your research”.

John Ezzy asked Ann Marie Ouellette why she wants the road closed. She said someone damaged a tar road before and had to pay for the damage. “That won’t happen.” John stated that wasn’t true. Ann Marie Ouellette replied “do your research”.

Motion not to accept the road petition by Jamie Voisine. No second motion. Motion dies.

Motion to accept petition and place on the June 13 referendum by Craig Lawrence; seconded by Yvon Dube. 2 in favor. 1 opposed. 1 abstained. Motion carries.

D. St. Agatha Sewer Billing for April: Steve Young was present to discuss April flows were extremely high. He filed an incident report because of overage. Frenchville is one of the tightest systems in the state. We do not have an I&I problem. Discussion regarding St Agatha I&I issues. Letter was received regarding St Agatha working on issues. Chairman asked Mr. Young to get a list of the problems with the MOU and to

bring it to the board. Town Manager wants to do a committee meeting before that BOS meeting. He is hoping that St Agatha will be willing to meet as mentioned.

John Ezzy mentioned if St Agatha still doesn't want to meet with us then we should write up the agreement as we want and send St Agatha a copy and let them react to it or we

will put it in force. Board agreed. They could make notes of what they want then send it to an attorney to review and write up a new agreement.

E. Town Employee Benefits for Future New Employees: Existing policy states that health insurance is paid 100% by the town. Does BOS want to change policy for future full time employees to 80/20? Motion by Jamie to go 80% paid by town and 20% paid by employee with new employees and current employees will continue to have their insurance covered 100%; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

Yvon Dube made motion that one board member sits to look at applicants for the public works job opening. No second motion. Motion dies.

Jamie makes motion that Public Works Supervisor and Town Manager should choose and bring to board a recommendation on who they want to hire; Craig Lawrence seconded. 3 in favor. 1 opposed. Motion carries.

F. Madawaska Ambulance Service Contract: Does anyone have any questions or concerns about the contract provided? Jamie Voisine motion to approve signing for a 3 year contract; Craig Lawrence seconded. 3 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion carries.

G. Farmer's Market: Discussion to prepare policy and agreement for a Farmer's Market to be located at the Heritage Park. Town Manager asked BOS if they want to charge fees to vendors. They all agreed that \$25 per season would be a reasonable fee. Craig Lawrence made a motion to draft a policy and contract and return to the board for approval. Seconded by Yvon Dube. All in favor. Motion carries.

H. NMDC Member Appointments: Discussion regarding new appointment for NMDC board for upcoming year. Craig Lawrence and Ryan Pelletier represented Frenchville past year. Craig expressed that he is unsure if he can continue because of changes coming up for his job. He agreed to continue for now and if it becomes hard for him to continue they can revisit at that time. BOS voted to have Ryan and Craig continue.

7. Other Business:

A. **Bike:** A bike was found last fall near the recreation department building. Town Clerk posted a picture on facebook for someone to claim but no one claimed it. It's been in the storage room since last fall and town manager asked if he could bring it home. Jamie Voisine made a motion to let the town manager bring the bike home; Craig Lawrence seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carries.

B. **Update from Mike Cyr, Appraiser:** Town Manager received a message from Mike Cyr stating that he has another day's research to do in the County Commissioner's office in Caribou then he will be coming here to do research.

8. Next Meeting:

- Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:30 to award bids on building.
- Board Meeting May 16, 2017 at 6:30.

9. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm by Jamie Voisine; seconded by Craig Lawrence. All in favor. Motion carries.

Tabled Items:

1. Denver Avenue Easement- until spring 2017.