

Town of Ashfield
Select Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2015

The Ashfield Select Board meeting was held on Tuesday December 15, 2015 at the Ashfield Town Hall at 7:00 P.M. There were approximately 4 audience members in attendance. There was 1 audio recorder in use.

Previous Select Board Meeting was December 7, 2015

Select Board: Tom Carter-Chair, Ron Coler-Vice Chair, Todd Olanyk

Assistant Municipal Clerk/Scribe: Lynn Taylor

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Minutes:

11/30/2015: MOTION: Coler makes a motion to approve the minutes of 11/30/2015 as amended, seconded by Olanyk. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 2)**

12/07/2015: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the minutes of 12/07/2015 as written, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 3)**

Appointments:

Pat Thayer Highland Ambulance President Introduction: Pat Thayer, Doug Mollison and new Highland Ambulance President Don Boisvert are at the meeting. Don starts by introducing himself to the members of the Board and distributes a packet (**document 4**) for the Board including minutes, reports and blueprint of the new building that is being built. Doug Mollison is the now the Vice President, Cassie Morey is the treasurer, Fin Comm. members are Pat Thayer, Spencer Tim, and Cassie Morey. Don and Pat have a lengthy discussion with the Board in regards to the pay that the EMT's and the paramedics that work for Highland receive, they are way underpaid. Now a basic EMT gets \$10.00 and a Paramedic ranges from \$18.00- \$20.00. Don expresses that the Board would like to give a \$1.00 per hour raise this year and \$1.00 for the next few years to get them so the wages are competitive. Carter suggests bringing the wages up now so they are competitive , Don explains that they for now would like to raise only a \$1.00 this year as the Towns will start paying for the new facility as well. Doug has spoken with the contractor of the new facility and they are hoping that it will be done for

May 1, 2105, however until the blacktop is laid in place they cannot move into it so it depends on the weather as well. Total cost of the project when finished should be about \$750-\$800 thousand.

Approval of FY 2016 Holiday Schedule: MOTION: Olanyk makes a motion to approve the 2016 Holiday schedule as written, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 3-0-0 (document 5)**

Interim Town Administrator Contract: (document 6) Kayce Warren is at the meeting as the Board reviews the contract for her position of Interim Town Administrator. Coler questions the vacation portion of the contract he feels that it is not fair to award 10 vacation days for the 5 ½ months Warren will be Interim as Policy now awards 10 vacation days for the whole year. Warren also asked that her start date be changed from Jan 1, 2015 to Jan 19, 2015. Board agrees and signs the contract with Kayce Warren as Interim Town Administrator voting with their signatures.

Discussion of recent MCAP meeting and Towns pursuit of FERC intervenor status: Olanyk gives an overview of the last MCAP meeting that he attended. The discussion of intervenor status was that we should have as many people as possible to apply for intervenor status. The board decides that in order to get Ashfield Boards, Committees, and residents out to the workshop being held on December 12 the SB should put a message via the Blackboard connect/ reverse 911.

MOTION: Carter makes a motion to authorize Todd Olanyk to represent the Board and put out a message on Black Board Connect regarding the Intervenor Status workshop on Dec. 12, 2015, seconded by Coler. **VOTE: 2-0-1 (TO)**

Possible use of Town Hall for intervenor status training workshop: After a discussion the board agrees to allow the intervenor training workshop take place at Town Hall 1st floor on December 18, 2015 starting at 7PM. Olanyk will put out a reverse 911 call asking boards, Committees, residents to come out on Friday night. Jim Cutler and Cindy Kearney are both advised that the 1st floor capacity is 125 and they must be sure that they adhere to that. Taylor will contact Police and Fire Chiefs & Town Hall Steward of the Workshop.

Executive Session if needed: not needed

Ron Coler gives a packet (**document 7**) from the recent Broadband Meeting held in Greenfield with MBI and Wired West. Coler goes many people were turned away at the door as the room was too small. It is hopeful that MBI and Wired West

can sit down and try to figure the issues out. Betty Stewart also goes on the record to say how horrible things were handled at the meeting, some people in the hall were close to rioting they had police officers guarding the doors. Just a horrible scene and it should have been held in a larger facility.

Mail:

- Letter from the Town of Becket To MBI (**document 8**)
- Information packet from Tennessee Gas pipeline (**document 9**)
- Copy of a letter to Nancy Robertson of Smith Vocational School regarding tuition drafted by David Newell (**document 10**)
- Copy of a letter to Thomas Lesser regarding residency issue related to the Voc. School drafted by Ted Murray. (**document 11**)

Document List:

1. Agenda for 12/15/2015
2. Minutes of 11/30/2015
3. Minutes of 12/07/2015
4. Highland Ambulance handouts
5. FY 2016 Holiday Schedule
6. Interim Town Administrator Contract
7. Information packet from recent wired West and MBI meeting submitted by Coler.
8. Letter from the Town of Becket To MBI
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