

TOWN OF RANDOLPH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
4:00 p.m.

BOS PRESENT:

Edward F. Gorham, Chair
Peter K. Hanley
Bob Henderson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk
Glendon “Sonny” James, Pumpstation Superintendent
Ronald Cunningham, Randolph Fire Chief

Meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Bob Henderson made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2012 meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Sonny James presented the Board with the quote from **Stevens Electric** and asked what the Board was going to decide. Ed Gorham said he was all in favor of doing the work but he was waiting to hear from the engineer, Charlie Smith before making a decision. Sonny said that he had talked with Ted Berry and they would come over at the same time as Stevens and pump out the wet well. Ed stated that the proposal from Stevens Electric was good for 30 days so that would give them time to check with Charlie Smith before giving the okay. Ed said he was hoping that he might be able to get Charlie Smith to come on Tuesday, April 3rd. Ed said that April 11th is the date that the warranty runs out so he would like to get Charlie in here next week.

There was discussion about Beth DeHaas trying to set up a meeting with John Crocker and the DOT regarding the drain in the Sun Sun parking lot.

The Board recognized **Ron Cunningham** who was on the agenda. Ron reported to the Board on Engine 52. He recently had the trucks pump tested and Engine 52 is a problem. It needs all new tires and although he has not had time to look up prices, he will do so. The engine overheated unless they kept water flowing through it. Ron said that it may need a lot of money put into it and he was asking the Board for direction as to whether it should be fixed or possibly replaced. He also stated that the exhaust system will have to be replaced. It is also one of the few gas engine fire trucks left as most are diesel engines now. Ed asked if this could wait until the July town meeting. Peter Hanley asked how many miles there were on the truck but Ron explained that it was not miles but hours that count on a fire truck.

He has been looking into the fact that the City of Gardiner may be getting rid of one of their mini pumper. He will check to make sure if they replaced Engine 52 with this mini pumper, what effect this could have on the ISO rating in the Town which could in turn cost resident homeowners more money in their insurance. Ron had pictures of the Engine 52. The trucks have to be inspected in the near future.

Ed asked Ron to put all the information together for the next regular Board meeting. Ron said that he will try to have all the information by the meeting which is April 10, 2012.

Ron Cunningham left the meeting.

The Board signed the **appointment of election clerks for the next two years**. They also signed the **Gardiner Ambulance Contract for the fiscal year 2012/2013**. The amount of the contract is \$11,838.83. Also included with the contract was the Ambulance Service Uncollectibles in the amount of \$10,222.23.

Bob asked the Town Clerk about the **appointments** and when they expire. It was explained that all appointments that expired in March are now held over to June since the town changed the municipal election date to June.

Peter Hanley said that he and Bob had been talking to **David Cobb** who was the former Fire Chief in town. He is interested in becoming the Fire Chief again. Peter said that whenever possible we should have people working for the town who also reside in the town. Pete has concerns that Randolph is not invited to fires in other towns and that the EMA director is from "out of town". He feels that we need to get some people from Randolph. He said that out of about 12 employees in the town, only one of them is from Randolph. He stated that Cobb is qualified to do the job. Ed asked about the last time Mr. Cobb was Chief. Pete said that Gloria had gotten rid of Cobb and he felt that it was a personal vendetta.

Bob Henderson stated that the office help was excellent but that the Fire Department was a disgrace. He referred to the building and its surroundings. He said that there were lights that were literally "taped" to the truck from damage done by backing into the doors. He also stated that for Ron to come in and tell them that Engine 52 should not be taken out on the road because he knows that it is not road safe was neglect on the part of the Fire Chief for not having this fixed.

Peter mentioned that the building should be weed whacked or cleaned up around the outside and they could borrow equipment from John to get this accomplished. He also said that there is never anyone around when someone calls the station. He also feels that in the near future there will be consolidation with the fire departments. He said that the Fire Chief and EMA director should be the same person.

Peter Hanley asked if the Department Heads had submitted their budgets as he believed the Board made a policy to have them due on April 1st. No budgets have been submitted at this time.

Bob Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peter Hanley seconded the motion. **VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. Next regular meeting is set for **Tuesday, April 10, 2012** but there may be a meeting called next week if the engineer, Charlie Smith is able to make it.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn R. Mealey, Town Clerk