

**Georgia Selectboard Meeting
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room
Monday, March 4, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Approved: March 11, 2019

Present: Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Deb Woodward, Steve Lamos, Tara Wright, Ric Nye; Mike McCarthy, Town Administrator; and Amber Baker, Treasurer

Absent: None

Public Present: Keith Baker and Carolyn Branagan

Matt called the special work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Keith Baker. Keith is here to ask a question regarding the new Engine One. With the new engine being here, the original plan was to sell the current engine. Keith is here to make sure that the sale doesn't need to be approved by the Selectboard before he moves forward with doing this because it is a fair amount of money.

Keith's understanding is that the corrosion work was put into the budget for approval. Keith has an appointment to get the engine 2 repaired March 19th or 20th, which will make the truck unavailable to use for about 30 days. Keith would like to sell the old engine, once he gets engine 2 back from the corrosion repair. He wants to advertise the sale through Fire Tech, a place out of Randolph, which is basically a broker for selling used trucks. Keith believes that we will get a better price through Fire Tech instead of us selling it privately. The funds from the sale of this truck will go into the capital budget funds to purchase a new brush truck in the future. The money will come in as revenue, and the money deposited into a reserve fund and the expense will come right back out of their reserve fund to pay for those improvements.

Motion made to allow the Fire Chief, Keith Baker, to sell the old engine at his discretion, as budgeted and part of our capital plan, made by Steve, second by Deb. No further discussion. All in favor.

The Selectboard thanked Keith for coming in.

Town Reports and the errors that exist. The Auditors proofed the report themselves this year. There are a few names that are wrong. The Library Report had three lines cut off. The School is missing two pages of the report as well. The School printed up a flyer with the additional pages that were missing to attach to the Town Report. Matt will reach out to Paula, Library Trustee and see how passionate they are about those three lines that were cut off.

It is the general consensus that when Carolyn does her opening statement at Town Meeting, she might like to take a few minutes and point out the new district representative with a term ending 2020 is Carl Rosenquist and that Carolyn was the State Senator, she was proud to serve until 2018. This should be clarified for history, not anything official but you both have served and you both deserve that.

The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding the out of order agenda for Town Meeting. The School is going first, then the Town will come up next. This should have been the Town first.

Land Purchase. The Selectboard is looking to purchase 5.4 acres from the Gilmonds that will connect with the land that the Town already owns. It is the general consensus to have Steve stand up and explain the purchase because he has had the discussions with the Gilmonds. Steve will lead the discussion and answer any questions and make the motion.

The Selectboard is buying the land (5.4 acres) behind the Town Garage and it will square off the existing lot that the Town already owns. We have a curb cut off of Route 7, not that we would use it for the Town Garage, but we might use it for something else. The sale of the lot is contingent on septic, but the Center Market got septic across the fence, so the Selectboard doesn't think it will be a problem to get septic. If the Selectboard waited until they needed land, then it would cost the taxpayers a lot more.

If the voters approve the \$80,000, are we going to get a loan or add it to the budget? If it is an article then it will affect the tax rate because it is voted by the taxpayers. The question is for how long, one year, two years or three? The Selectboard will decide the term of the loan when they need the funds because we have the line in our budget that says Articles Approved by Voters so we can put it in there. We will get the very best financing that we can get. The Treasurer will do the research and get the very best interest rate and term of the loan for the taxpayers, not to exceed five years.

If we are going to borrow the whole \$80,000 and the voters can increase our budget by the \$80,000, if that is how they want to do it, then for a \$250,000 home, with a one year term, it would be about \$32.80 without the grand list going up. You know the grand list will go up. If we are going to borrow and pay interest, over three years, it's about \$10.00 for a \$250,000 home.

Article 4. Carolyn received an email from Kent Henderson and he will be nominating Jim Driver for the Georgia Industrial Development Corp.

Article 6. Basically this is a "housekeeping" article. The Auditors contend that the Statute reads that we need to either mail the Town Reports or tell people we are not mailing them. The Auditors believe that we have not told people that we are mailing them. We haven't been mailing them since 2001, since we got the Website. So this comes on the recommendation from VLCT to clean it up and make it clear that we will not be mailing the Town Reports. The Statute predated social media.

Taylor from Regional dropped off two poster boards for display at Town Meeting with limited information. One focuses on the new green area, what the new South Village is going to look like. The other one is the intersection of 104A and Route 7. It talks about the pros and cons of either having a stop light or roundabout at that intersection, and costs associated with that. There will be a box with 150 ballots to ask a non-binding questions for people to answer after they look at the boards and give their opinion. The Selectboard had a general discussion regarding this information.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m., is requested at this time with the Treasurer, to discuss contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration or mediation, grievances, other than tax, pending or probable litigation, or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Town of Georgia involving the Town, specifically finding that

premature general public knowledge of the subject matter would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, made by Deb, second by Tara. No further discussion. All in favor.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 8:20 p.m. made by Steve, second by Ric. No further discussion. All in favor.

No action out of Executive Session.

Motion made to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m., made by Steve, second by Deb. No further discussion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Krissy Jenkins.