

**Georgia Selectboard
Regular Meeting
Chris Letourneau Meeting Room
Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Approved: **Approved**

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

Public Present: Lara Bouchard, Dina Nieman, David Davio, Dick McAvenia, Randy Howard, John Leddy, Paula Ralston, Paul Lambert.

Matt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Matt asked for any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda. The following additions were made:
Warrants for approval: PR20, AP30, AP31, AP32.

Affirm e-mail approval of waiver of beach pavilion rental fee for the CIP program. Damage deposit still applies. The Selectboard affirmed by voice vote that this action is approved.

Franklin County Sheriff's office new monthly activity report and notice of arrests and recovery of approximately 25 of our stolen street signs. The Selectboard conveys their thanks to the Sheriff's office for their perseverance on this case for us.

Georgia Fire Department regular business meeting minutes from April 4, 2019 and May 2, 2019 meetings.

Update on Planning and Project Coordinator applicants.

Signature required: Selectboard / Municipal Corporation Banking Resolution adding Tax Collector Kevin Webster to this document.

Matt advised that he was taking the paving bid opening next, out of sequence, to accommodate the representatives from the paving companies present.

Paving bids were opened and read with the following results.

F.W. Whitcomb: \$71.86 / ton.

Pike: \$69.19 / ton.

Premier Paving: \$70 / ton.

S.T. Paving: \$70.75 / ton.

S.D. Ireland: \$69.87 / ton.

Upon review of all bids submitted, recommendation by Deb to accept the bid from Pike. Matt asked for those in favor, all in favor, Pike representative David Davio was present and was advised that Pike is awarded the contract for 2019.

Public Appearances:

Paula Ralston, Chair of the Georgia Public Library is present and provided the Selectboard with a written quarterly update from the Trustees, which is incorporated as part of these minutes. Discussion followed regarding the new book accounting system, budget, safety, job descriptions, physical plant conditions and repairs and legal expenses.

Paul Lambert the Georgia representative on the Waste District board and John Leddy from the Northwest Regional Solid Waste District are present to check in and to discuss the functions of the drop off operation on Morse Drive here in town and to check in on Green Up day. Introductions were made around the room. Over 150 bags of Green Up waste were dropped off at the district from Georgia. Ten appliances also came from Georgia. Tires continue to be a problem due to the volume and cost of disposal. Roadside dumping was also discussed and the district has an enforcement program, including an individual who can help with the enforcement of these violations. For budgeting purposes, the fees charged to the communities should remain relatively stable for the near future. A recommendation was made to have the district set up a display at town meeting.

Lara Bouchard and Dina Neiman are present to talk with the board regarding an attack and killing of their dog by another dog on April 21. Mr. McWilliams responded and handled the complaint properly but both Mrs. Bouchard and Mrs. Neiman now have concerns for their own and their neighbor's safety while walking in the neighborhood because of this attack. They want this situation on record, just in case. The owners of the dog which attacked theirs has sent the Bouchard's a letter indicating that they are trying to find another home for the dog.

Minutes from previous meetings were reviewed. Minutes from April 22 work and regular meetings were approved as presented. April 28 work meeting were approved as submitted. May 6 special meeting, additional information regarding Mr. Haas being able to tackle the work on the ADA and bathroom accessibility issue at the recreation area. Approved with addition.

Warrants previously approved were reviewed, warrants for approval PR20, AP30 were approved as submitted. AP31 updated with a .10 cent change also a question regarding the bill from Chevaliers for possibly the town hall well. After the meeting, examination found this was not the town hall but the recreation area and the bill had been duplicated. Chevaliers corrected this error. AP 31 payment approved with Chevaliers bill held and to be re-processed with duplicate bill removed.

Selectboard concerns regarding Georgia First Response information for capital budget. First Response has sent a list but some of the items do not reach the level of capital budget requirements. Town Administrator has created a new section specifically for First Response and will be able to include equipment cost lines for radios other specific items which meet the requirement. Also discussion and authorization to load the best case scenario for highway department, not giving tacit approval but put all information in to forward to the VLCT people working on this. Concern of which version of Planning Coordinator job description is being used? The revised one is ready to go when a person is hired. Another concern is are we going to get a breakdown on the engineering work to be performed by Cross Engineers. Town Administrator advised yes, it is forthcoming.

Additional items to address. The Selectboard affirmed their e mail approval to waive pavilion rental fee for the CIP program use of the beach pavilion. Fifteen applicants currently in file for the Planning and Program Coordinator position. Town Administrator would like to move forward with selecting finalists and interviewing. Dates and times will be arranged to be able to have Selectboard member present and have Zoning administrator, Planning Commission Chair on panel. Selectboard reviewed and signed the Selectboard / Municipal Corporation Banking Resolution for Peoples Bank. Discussion regarding the low water issue from the well at the firehouse. Possible proposal for additional storage tanks. Chief Baker will be consulted.

Property survey update. Buttons has been on site and here in the office doing research, there should be results soon.

Highway Commissioner and Town Administrator continue to explore options for heat source at highway garage. Removal of the old wood boiler will be costly as it will involve removal of the building around the boiler. Additional heat sources are being explored.

Mr. Hinman has provided written insight regarding solar siting which was re-sent to the Selectboard by e-mail.

Fire Department water concerns and Library ceiling tile concerns are being put on the 2020 budget list.

New Business: Regional Planning Commission, Transportation Advisory Committee met and Deb brought up the issue of the substantial cost of the general permit fees to our town. Where does this money go and is the State even aware of the impact on all towns budgets?

Mr. Bouchard submitted a recommended proposal for computer network security work. Deb advised that this will need three quotes.

Repair and replacement quotes for the tennis courts at the beach were discussed. Not budgeted. There is \$17k in reserve, \$5k has been spent. Deb made a motion to approve the repair quote of \$4,552.

Discussion regarding the continuing costs. Recommendation from Amber to defer the approval until a firm idea as to how long the repairs will last. Amber will research and resubmit at next meeting.

Bid for repair of cupola on town hall. One bid of \$11,000 was received. Budgeted money was \$4,000. Concurrence of Selectboard to reject the submitted bid as too costly. Treasurer will hold for reference for 2020 budget.

Selectboard reviewed resignation of Planning Coordinator Ryan Bell.

Discussion regarding process for FY 2019 Act 68 cash flow report.

General Correspondences were reviewed. Discussion regarding Conservation Commission concerns reference class 3 wetlands and the possible need for Army Corps guidance in our soon to be revised zoning bylaws.

Treasurer reported on scheduled delivery of new highway truck and how to proceed with loan, either from the State or from the bank. Discussion resulted in direction to try to inter-fund borrow if possible, to save \$700.

Town Administrator was directed to attend the VLCT labor law training in June. If Treasurer and or Town Clerk are available they should go also.

Selectboard and Town Administrator reviewed tasks and assignments from this meeting.

Motion by Deb, seconded by Steve to go in to executive session for legal purposes at 9:02 P.M. All in favor.

Town Administrator left the Executive Session at 9:10 P.M.

Motion by Deb, seconded by Steve to leave executive session at 9:20 P.M. All in favor.

Motion by Deb, seconded by Steve to adjourn at 9:20 P.M. All in favor.

Adjourned.

There will not be a Regular Meeting on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019
Next Regular Meeting June 10, 2019.

Minute submitted by Michael R. McCarthy