

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 19, 2009
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David D. Macy, Chairman
Julie M. Hannum, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Joseph A. Kellogg, Town Administrator
Rhonda LaBombard, Assistant Town Administrator

Members of the Public

Chairman Macy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Hannum moved to approve minutes for the October 5, 2009 meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS – HIGHWAY GARAGE DESIGN STUDY COMMITTEE:

Selectman Wood moved to appoint James McGarry, Ed Lord, Eric Carlson and David Smith Jr. to the Highway Garage Design Study Committee and to also appoint David Macy as an ex-officio member, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

TEMPORARY ROADSIDE EVENT SIGNS:

Sheffield Friendly Union:

The Sheffield Friendly Union has applied for a temporary roadside event sign for the Indoor Saturday Market. The market will be held on Saturdays during November and December and the sign will be erected each Saturday morning before the market. Selectmen Hannum moved to approve the temporary roadside event sign for the Sheffield Friendly Union's Indoor Saturday Market, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

The Library Board of Trustees has applied for a temporary roadside event sign for a book sale to be held on October 23, 24 and 25, 2009. The sign will be erected on October 8, 2009 and removed on October 26, 2009. Selectman Hannum moved to approve the temporary roadside event sign for the Library Trustee's book sale, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

2010 LICENSE FEES:

The license fees are based on the CPI (Consumer Price Index), which is flat or negative for this year and therefore Administrator Kellogg recommended keeping the license fees for 2010 the same as 2009. Selectman Wood moved to keep the 2010 license fees the same as 2009, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously. Selectman Wood would like to discuss the proration of license fees at some point in the future.

CLEAN ENERGY CHOICE FUNDS:

The Town has approximately \$20,000 in credits for implementing clean energy technology at a municipal facility. The credits are from residents that checked the box on their electric bills requesting that their electricity come from renewable resources. The Town must state their plan for the use of the funds by November. Administrator Kellogg suggested using the credits to install photovoltaic panels on the new senior center. Selectman Wood moved to use the credits to install photovoltaic panels on the new senior center, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

AWARD SURPLUS VEHICLE BIDS:

Two bids were received for the 2003 Crown Victoria:

Ephrem Aragi - \$1,400

Matt Roche - \$1,111.93

Selectman Wood moved to award the bid for the 2003 Crown Victoria to Ephrem Aragi for the amount of \$1,400, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

One bid was received for the 1986 International Truck w/ Bengal Zwack Sander:

Thomas Manghue - \$2,000

Selectman Wood moved to award the bid for the 1986 International Truck to Thomas Manghue for the amount of \$2,000, seconded by Selectman Hannum. The motion carried unanimously.

No bids were received for the 1990 or 1993 International Dump Trucks. They will be advertised again at a later date.

LOCAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Selectman Wood stated that the Economic Development Committee met last week for the first time. They would like the Board to request technical assistance from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) for two projects, namely to develop a guide on how to do business in Sheffield and to develop an informal review process for permit applicants.

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WIND SITING LEGISLATION:

Selectman Wood gave an update on the wind siting reform legislation. Minor changes have been made to the legislation but not enough to address the concerns voiced in the letter sent by the Board several weeks ago. BRPC will host a meeting for towns to collectively voice their concerns about the legislation. Selectman Wood also stated that the Planning Board should be consulted on their plans for handling wind energy within the Town.

SELECTMEN ITEMS:

Selectman Hannum said that the Hoseman calendar event was a great event this past weekend.

Selectman Hannum announced that there will be a book sale this weekend at the Library and that Local Author's Day will be held on November 7, 2009 at the Library.

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR ITEMS:

Administrator Kellogg said that a free composting workshop will be held on November 14, 2009 at the Bushnell Sage Library at 2:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to learn about composting is invited to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Appointment Announcement – Commission on Disabilities: Denise Rueger has requested appointment to the Commission on Disabilities. Action on this appointment will take place at the next meeting.

Winter Road Sand Bids: Two bids were received for winter road sand:

J. Donovan and Sons - \$14.00 per ton

Segalla Sand and Gravel \$14.96 per ton

This bid is a joint bid with the Town of Great Barrington. Selectman Hannum moved to award the winter road sand bid to J. Donovan and Sons for the price of \$14.00 per ton, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding the recent changes to the Ethics Laws. The deadline for the on-line training course has been delayed until April 2010. The summary of the Conflict of Interest Law has been distributed to all employees in the Town.

Selectman Hannum moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Macy adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda LaBombard
Assistant Town Administrator