

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKING SESSION
JANUARY 16, 2015
TOWN HALL
1:00 PM**

Board Members Present: David A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Nadine A. Hawver, Clerk
Rene C. Wood

Others Present: Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator
Alicia Dulin, Assistant to the Town Administrator
Michael Ovitt, Treasurer/Collector
Eric R. Munson III, Police Chief

Members of the public

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Selectman Hawver moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of receiving and discussing of complaints on a Town Employee and return to Open Session, seconded by Selectman Wood. The motion carried as follows.

Chairman Smith – Aye

Selectman Hawver – Aye

Selectman Wood – Aye

Open Meeting resumed at 1: 38 PM

Administrator LaBombard stated that she has given the performance plan to the Treasurer/Collector and so far, none of the goals or deadlines have been met. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to give the Treasurer/Collector a 30 day extension to get things on the performance plan done and have the Treasurer/Collector write a plan for submission to the Town Administrator for what he wants and needs done in his office.

MEET WITH OWNER OF VILLAGE ON THE GREEN RESTAURANT:

Jim Olivieri was present to discuss his plans for the Bartholomew Building in The Village Green. He stated that he is thinking about opening a barbeque restaurant there and possibly a store that sells local product next door to it. He asked the Board for their input on what they would like to see go into those spaces. Discussion ensued. Selectman Hawver stated that she thinks that younger families need a family friendly, affordable place to eat. Mr. Olivieri stated that is exactly what he was envisioning for the barbeque restaurant. Selectman Wood stated that she thought both were great ideas. The Board thanked Mr. Olivieri for coming to discuss his ideas with the Board. Mr. Olivieri left the meeting at 2:25 PM.

MEET WITH POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Eric R. Munson III was present to discuss with the Board some concerns that have been raised by residents. Discussion ensued regarding the concerns that have been raised regarding police procedures, the policies and procedures that are in place and what can be done to educate residents on normal police procedures. Chief Munson shared some facts regarding the Police Department.

Discussion ensued regarding dashboard cameras for police cruisers and body cameras for police officers. Chief Munson distributed information and costs to the Board, he stated that the cameras would stop 85% of complaints. The Board thanked Chief Munson for coming to speak with them.

Chief Munson left the meeting at 3:30 PM

CORRECTION TO MINUTES FROM 12/1:

Selectman Wood moved to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2014 meeting as amended, seconded by Selectman Hawver. The motion carried unanimously.

MMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

Administrator Labombard stated that since Chairman Smith is not attending the MMA Annual Business Meeting the Board needs to select a member to vote in his place. Selectman Wood moved to nominate Selectman Hawver to cast ballots at the MMA Annual Business Meeting, seconded by Chairman Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

SOLAR PROJECT AGREEMENT VOTE:

Administrator LaBombard asked the Board to take no action on the proposal for net metering credits. She stated that more information is needed.

Selectman Wood moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Strategy for the Sheffield Patrolman's Association Contract, seconded by Selectman Hawver. The motion carried as follows.

Chairman Smith – Aye

Selectman Hawver – Aye

Selectman Wood – Aye

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

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Alicia Dulin
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents were reviewed at this meeting:
Information and Cost Sheet for Dashboard and Body Cameras
Minutes form 12/1 Meeting
MMA Letter and Credential Vote Form