

Town Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

Council Present: Michael Perkins, Chairman
Donald Borman
Mark Fisher

Dana Wrigley
Byron Wrigley, Sr.

Others present: Gary Bowman, Town Manager
Mike Tracy
Boyd Snowden
Kathy Ross

Harold Buzzel
Dave Coughlin
Pat Faucher

Business Agenda:

1. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to sign the disbursement warrant.
2. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Don Borman to increase the ACO pay from \$15/call to \$20/call effective from 11/01/16. Gary introduced to topic of pay for ACO. Current pay is \$15/call. This has remained the same for the past 10 years. Gary handed out what other communities are paying. Most are getting away from per call pay and starting to pay hourly rates. Gary also handed out the latest MMA study that showed the average pay for an ACO in our sized town is \$14.05/hr. It was discussed that a call could last anywhere from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Kathy Ross lives in Rome and Pat lives in Oakland. The time of calls will vary just from how far you live from the scene. Don Borman and Mike Perkins asked for a break down between pay and mileage. Gary advised that we did not currently have that information. Mike Tracy stated that he has a new form that the ACO's are using that will provide that information for the future. Pat Faucher advised that the ACO's are currently providing service 24/7. We may need to look at that to decide if it is necessary. Our ACO's handle both wildlife and domestic animals. The State required 8 hours of mandatory training and pre exposure rabies shots for all ACO's. It was decided that the \$20/call will be a temp fix until the PD budget gets produced and we are able to determine what the statistical break down is between pay and mileage.
3. Boyd Snowden presented a power point presentation on work done to date. The subject was focused on Oak Street, Water Street and Fairfield Street. The lines have been cleaned and video was observed of pipe condition. Boyd's plan of action is to slip line Oak Street. He is waiting for price estimates.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to sign an agreement between MDOT and the Town of Oakland to allow Oakland to divert clean water on Water Street into the MDOT catch basin. The agreement addresses a situation that if the clean water that is diverted over flows the MDOT system, Oakland will work with the MDOT to fix the problem.

5. Dave Coughlin advised that he was awarded a grant to purchase 2 ballistic vests for his first responders. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Byron and voted 5-0 to accept the grant for \$1052.60 for the 2 ballistic vests.
6. Dave Coughlin advised that his department had been awarded a \$2000.00 reimbursement check for new camera.
7. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to accept a grant for \$8700 from Homeland security to purchase a new heat camera for the Fire Department. Chief Coughlin advised that this will give them 3 Camera's to have in the trucks.
8. Chief Coughlin also gave an update on the new Fire Truck. He advised that the truck was still in Florida and should be moved to MA within the next two weeks.
9. Chief Coughlin advised the Council that he would like to apply for another \$150,000 grant to purchase updated breathing apparatus. Chief Coughlin advised that the grant required a 5% match with equates to \$7500. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Mark Fisher and voted 5-0 to allow Chief Coughlin to apply for this grant

Managers Report:

1. Gary reported the annual Halloween parade was a great success.
2. Gary reported that Dunkin Donuts is moving forward and should be open for business by spring. Don asked about the change in traffic pattern. Gary advised that KMD will transition from 4 to 2 lanes just before the Ford garage and transition back to 4 lanes near the intersection of Swan Hill Road and KMD (Westerly junction).
3. Gary reported that CMGC has sent a letter inviting the Town of Oakland to join. This year's fee has increased to \$20,045. Mark Fisher stated that he attended the annual meeting and advised that the Town should listen to them. Don Borman stated that we should invite them to present to both the Council and the Budget Advisory Committee. It was decided that invite the CMGC and the Budget Advisory Committee to a meeting on December 14th. 2016.
4. It was moved by Dana Wrigley seconded by Don Borman and voted 5-0 to sign a contract with Paintcare. This allows the Transfer Station to take back unused paint safely. There is no cost to the tax payers in Oakland. This will add to the list of services that the Transfer Station offers. Paintcare will provide free training to our staff and provide free containers for paint collection. They will also offer free pickup and delivery.

7:36pm- It was moved by Byron Wrigley seconded by Dana Wrigley and voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.