



TOWN OF WORTHINGTON

**Selectboard
January 19, 2016
7:30 P.M. Town Hall
Minutes**

Board Members Present: Chair Dick Wagner, Evan Johnson and Charley Rose

Present: Correspondent Elodi McBride, Paul Dunlevy, Stephen Gaughan, Angela Mulkerin, MaryAnn Pease, Ron McBride, Ryan Neuhauser and Jeffery Cranston

Regrets: Suzanne Lemieux

Accountant Jane Thielen regarding end of FY2015 business:

Dick Wagner pointed out to Jane that her assurances have not been met: the FY15 books are not closed and the appropriate paperwork has not been filed. The suggestion was made that Jane needs to put in more hours (come to Worthington an additional day) if she is unable to complete her work in the allotted time. The Board requested that the books be closed by the end of the month and the Schedule A submitted within two weeks later. Jane was hesitant to agree to a firm deadline because she has been unsuccessful meeting one so far. It was agreed that by February 14th if the FY15 tasks weren't done the Board would ask Jane back and discuss disciplinary action.

Hilltown Community Ambulance Association (HCAA):

HCAA was on the agenda to be present for John McVeigh's meeting with the Selectboard regarding his discontent with the Association. McVeigh cancelled, but HCAA used the opportunity to come in and introduce their new Service Director, Angela Mulkerin, and give an Association update. Former director, Stephen Gaughan is now Fire Chief in Hatfield and has necessarily decreased his time with HCAA. It was explained how the past ten years was a period of growth, offering only basic ambulance service. Now, staffing and equipment have increased. The new administrator will be splitting her time between the ambulance, doing outreach and working on personnel issues.

In 2015 HCAA was called to Worthington 97 times. They responded to 83 of those calls; 81% of those responses were at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level.

HCAA assesses each town at a rate of \$18.11 per capita (based on the federal census).

Worthington currently pays 32% of the cost of the call (tax dollars). The balance is paid by health insurance, fund-raising revenues and grants.

The order of Ambulance response is: Hilltown Community Ambulance...Highland Ambulance Windsor...Hinsdale and Dalton.

Minutes: January 5th minutes were signed

Transfer Station Attendant Position:

At the selection committee's recommendation the Selectboard unanimously voted to hire J. Huntington Chase as Transfer Station Attendant to be paid \$13.00/hour, 15 hours a week. His appointment will run from January 27th through June 30th.

Town Septic Upgrade: change of orders and additional cost:

Evan Johnson explained two change orders for work not shown of the septic contract plans:

- The need to properly cover the pipe from the stonewall to the distribution box
- The option to insulate the sewer pipe from the building

Tom Leue of Homestead, Inc. (septic designer), underestimated the amount of cut and fill necessary for the system as well. There will be additional costs for trucking, more material, prevailing wage and seeding. Fortunately these added expenses do not exceed the amount allotted for the upgrade.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- MBI extension of draft RFP comment period
- FY2017 Budget Request Forms
- Interested Moderator candidates: Kevin O'Connor and Randy Zucco
- School Committee Meeting update: The School is considering having NARCAN available in their first aid kit. John McDonald will be assuming the responsibility for paying Conwell Building Expenses. There were grumblings of discontent about the Town Treasurer. The School Committee is considering outsourcing of payroll in their FY17 budget. February 29th at 6:30 PM will be movie night at the School – showing The Minions.
- Town of Washington letter of complaint re: MBI
- Rescheduled Dodge court date – January 25th
- Ladder truck insurance estimate of damages: \$2,429.00 with a \$1,000.00 deductible

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret A. O'Neal