

TOWN OF UNITY
Unity Select Board
MINUTES
May 8, 2017

PRESENT

Edward ("Ed") Gregory
John Callum, Jr.

Harold Booth, Highway
Vanessa Keith, Transfer Station
Holly White, Tax Collector

Jeffrey Matthews, Fire Department
Debra Leahy, Resident
Rosemary Heino, Town Clerk
Joe Ruggerio, Ruggerio Hauling
Capt. Jamie Wilson, Sheriff's Dept.

Ed called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Holly presented an Abatement for Lot 17, Map 733-4. John made a motion to abate \$3,480.42. Second by Ed. All in favor.

Capt. Wilson stated that they have received the normal amount of calls over the past few months. He stated that the Department is getting an intern and he will be able to help him clean up the Sheriff's Dept. office in the Town Office building. The Board stated that the Sheriff's move to the Fire Station should happen shortly.

Rosemary presented a vacation request. John made a motion to approve vacation days for 9/11, 9/23, 10/2, 10/16 and 10/30. Second by Ed. All in favor. The Board asked if she would have someone fill in. She said the new person she is training is not experienced enough yet but possibly Linda would fill in.

John made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2017 as amended. Second by Ed. All in favor.

Chief Matthews presented his recommendation for members of the Unity Volunteer Fire Department. John made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Brown, Ted Coronis Jr., James Petrin, Bruce Adams, Aaron Putnam, Russel Chesanek, Joseph Scruggs and Timothy LaBrie. Second by Ed. All in favor.

The Board discussed with Chief Matthews the need for new bylaws. The Board also suggested a possible audit from January 1 to present. Harold can change the oil in the fire trucks, instead of sending them out to a shop. The Board also discussed timing for introductions to the new Fire Department as well as putting something in the paper. The Board suggested keeping Mutual Aid until we are sure that the trucks and personnel are ready to go.

Joe Ruggerio stated that he will be instituting a 5% increase across all services. He also discussed with the Board possibly using just his containers so that the switch out is easier. Mr. Ruggerio stated that he could get a dumpster at his cost which would be around \$4,500. The Board will discuss and let him know. Possibly put the hauling service out to bid again.

Vanessa stated that the ½ price day went well at the Transfer Station. They received 168 tires and \$300.00 of electronics.

Harold stated that he had complaints of several flat tires on Britton Road. The 1/2" gravel from St. Pierre did not work well. May have to put a top coat on it.

Ed made a motion to hire Jerry Serem part-time at \$16.00/hr. Second by John. All in favor.

John made a motion to have Volusia County Customs produce and place the Unity Highway Vehicle logo on the new truck. Second by Ed. All in favor.

Deb Leahy inquired about Avitar and their visits to her house. She stated that they have been out 3 times and she's not sure why. Tracy will look into it. She also stated that she needs her budget print out from Ingrid. The Board also discussed having a link to a website for the library.

The Board reviewed time cards. The Board asked Tracy to write a letter to Ted Lewit and Peter Towle to keep their hours below 30 each week.

John made a motion to grant Current Use request for Levesque for 23.73 acres at 11-136-7-D4. Second by Ed. All in favor.

The Board discussed security cameras. Tracy will contact Vermont Life Safety and J&M Communications for a bid.

At 8:30 pm Ed made a motion to continue the meeting to Tuesday, May 9th at 4:00 pm. Second by John. All in favor.

At 4:00 on May 9, 2017 Bill and John met at the Town office. John made a motion to appoint Todd Gregory as Fire Department member. Second by Bill. All in favor.

At 4:08 Bill made a motion to adjourn. Second by John. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Decker
Secretary

SELECTBOARD

Edward A. Gregory

William A. Schroeter

John M. Callum, Jr.