

Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
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Meeting Minutes
Town of Montville Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee
Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – Town Council Meeting Room -5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chairman McFee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Beetham, Buebendorf and McFee. Also present was Sandi Gregory and Flo Turner.

4. Consider and Act on the Approval of the Minutes of August, 2010

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to approve the August, 2010 meeting minutes. Discussion: none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Items to be added to the Agenda – none.
6. Remarks from the Public Regarding Items on the Agenda

Chairman McFee asked three times if there was anyone who would like to address the Committee regarding items on the agenda.

7. Old Business

- a. Update and Discussion Regarding Re-Use/Free Items and Tag Sales

Sandi Gregory stated fiscal year total sales were \$22,000 with average Saturday sales of \$340. She stated this number is down from last years average of \$400 per Saturday. She stated she has had complaints from people stating the prices are high so she went to the Goodwill Store to compare prices and she discovered prices at the sales are lower than Goodwill. Overall operations are going well.

- b. Update and Discussion Regarding Disposal of Town Vehicles

Mr. Bourdeau spoke with the Finance Director and has scheduled an auction to take place on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. to sell ten vehicles. He distributed the list of vehicles scheduled for sale and stated there should be a minimum bid placed on each one that will be at least the amount of money the Town could get for taking that vehicle to the scrap yard. The Councilors reviewed the list and placed minimum bids on each vehicle. Mr. Bourdeau stated holding the auction on a Friday will eliminate the need to pay employees overtime on a Saturday.

c. Update and Discussion Regarding Adopt a Road Program

Mr. Bourdeau stated the information regarding the program is in the packet and stated his office is in the process of contacting companies and organizations that have expressed interest in adopting a road in the past. He explained the list is outdated and he will get current names and telephone numbers as he speaks to the individual parties. He would like to advertise the program on the local television channel to increase the number of volunteers and organizations willing to clean up the roads throughout the town. Currently the Lions Club and Rotary Club are involved. He discussed interest from the Correctional Facility to send inmates out to clean up along Route 32. Releases will be required from all organizations that sign up for the Adopt a Road program. He hopes to start advertising by the first of the year.

d. Update and Discussion Regarding Road Repairs/Paving

Mr. Bourdeau stated Old Colchester Road has been completed. He hopes some of the money left over from Old Colchester Road can be used toward fixing Gallivan Lane. Gallivan Lane is scheduled for paving on Monday & Tuesday if the weather cooperates. He discussed milling and paving in the future and how the town uses the milling to make cold mix for use on the back roads. He discussed storage for the milling and the need for an additional site for storage. He discussed the FEMA money and stated all the paperwork is in and he hopes there is sufficient funds to put toward the road program and toward fixing some of the roads that are in really bad shape throughout town.

e. Update and Discussion Regarding Transfer Station Operations

A discussion was held regarding an extension for the free brush drop off at the Transfer Station as a good will gesture for taxpayers. Mr. Bourdeau stated the schools have utilized the wood chips with a cost saving of around seven thousand dollars this year alone. Residents have been taking advantage of the wood chips as well as the Town Hall and Senior Center. Councilor Buebendorf indicated page 11 of the regulations will need to be amended to reflect the removal of the fee for dropping off brush at the Transfer Station and the change should be forwarded to the Town Council for approval.

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to authorize the removal of the brush fees at the Transfer Station in the regulations and to forward this

amendment to the Town Council for review and approval. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

A discussion was held regarding a town wide metal collection pickup by appointment only. Mr. Bourdeau stated this will encourage people to clean up their yards if it is offered as a free service. A discussion was held regarding charging a twenty five dollar fee for items with Freon containers to cover the costs of disposing of these items. The Committee discussed trying the free metal pickup on a trial basis between November 15th and December 31st and evaluating the program after this time to determine if it is a good program.

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to offer free metal pickup to homeowners who make an appointment to have their metal items picked up by Public Works by appointment only between November 15th and December 31, 2010 and to forward this proposal to the Town Council for review and approval. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussions were held regarding options for trash pickup including curbside pickup by the town, the punch card system and the bag system. Discussions were held regarding each of the three options and the best way to promote recycling. Chairman McFee stated he has been in contact with a representative from the Town of Stonington who uses the bag system and is willing to attend a Public Works/Solid Waste meeting to discuss the process and how it has benefited his town. It was the consensus of the Councilors to invite this individual to the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the form of trash pickup used in Stonington.

f. Update and Discussion Regarding Bridge Repairs

Mr. Bourdeau stated the bridge is currently under construction and stated the contractors have told the town it will be completed by the first of December, 2010. The overage costs of the delay were approximately \$140,000 paid by the State and not the taxpayers. A discussion was held regarding local bridge programs. Mr. Bourdeau indicated there currently is no money available to fix any of the other bridges in the town.

g. Discussion Regarding Sidewalks

Mr. Bourdeau suggested the Councilors think about what they would like to do about the deteriorating sidewalks throughout the town. He explained some of them are hazardous and in need of repair. He discussed liability issues and the best options for fixing them and if there should be responsibility on the part of the homeowners to fix them. Councilor Buebendorf inquired if Mr. Bourdeau could get an assessment of the condition of the sidewalks and report back with his findings.

8. New Business

- a. Approval of the 2011 Public Works/Solid Waste Sub-Committee meeting dates.

Motion made by Councilor Buebendorf, seconded by Councilor Beetham to approve the 2011 meeting dates. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Remarks from the Public – none.
10. Remarks from the Councilors – none.
11. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Beetham, seconded by Councilor Buebendorf to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Discussion, none, voice vote, 3-0, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville