

The Alstead Board of Selectmen met in open session on Tuesday May 9, 2017 at the municipal offices at 6:15. Chairman Rock Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:15 then immediately motioned to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3, II (a). Alan seconded, passed. Chief Robert Bromley was present.

Motion by Alan to return to public session at 6:43, seconded by Rock, passed. Tim led the pledge of allegiance. The board reviewed and signed the payroll and invoice manifests as well as Vilas Pool purchase requests and Tax Collector's Warrant. The minutes were read, Rock moved to accept the minutes as read, Alan Dustin seconded, approved.

Kim Kercewich from the fire department presented a quote for a thermal imaging camera in the amount of \$7,000. He indicated that he had obtained other quotes and this one is the best deal. Rock asked if it would come out of new equipment. Kim said it would. Chris Reitman asked why this camera is a better choice. Per Kim it is NFPA standard certified, firefighter proof, water proof, rugged, 5-year warranty on the battery and 10-year warranty on the camera. This item was in the budget to get this year, and they have needed one for a while. The other camera is 13 years old. Rock asked if anything else would be coming out of the new equipment line. Kim said there may be turnout gear which is about \$1,700 to \$1,800 but not sure at this point how many they would need. All three Selectmen approved and signed the quote.

Rock asked Kim about required physicals. Kim said he called the doctors office and is checking into the cost of this and waiting to hear back.

Kim mentioned that two members recently resigned and two new ones may be coming on, that they are waiting for background checks to come back.

Kim was called out of meeting for an emergency but Rock motioned after he left that going forward the Department heads would be required to show the Selectmen the quotes they were given, seconded by Alan, approved. Charlotte will notify the department heads about this.

**Old Business:**

Chris Reitman mentioned that he got in touch with Arlene Crowell, Director of Communications at the Cheshire County Sheriff's Dept. and that she is interested in helping us get a resolution on the cell tower maintenance. Rock asked him to check with Bob Bromley as there was earlier conversation with Bob regarding this and Bob was going to look into this as well. Chris agreed.

Per Alan, he spoke with Arlington Paving and was informed that they have a shoulder machine. He is planning on getting a quote.

Alan mentioned getting extra help with DPW to avoid overtime.

The Selectmen want to meet with Kelly, Charlotte and Trish on occasion. Rock motioned to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m., seconded by Alan, approved.

Glen Elsesser asked Alan how it was going with the review of building maintenance. Alan said he's finding that there need to be a lot of painting but that he is not done evaluating yet. Glen wants to get started soon. Mentioned that we would have a hard time getting a contractor if we wait too much longer. Alan feels a lot of the work can be done without hiring a contractor.

Tim shared that he had been looking for a contractor for Vilas Pool and bridge repair for a warrant article. He said he is going to speak with Jim Hollar at Cold River Bridges and ask him to review the site and give him numbers for next year's budget.

Charlotte mentioned that she would have to close the office at 1:00 on Thursday for prior appointment that was scheduled. It was also noted and confirmed that both offices will be closed next week in order to organize the offices and have a shredding company come in to destroy old records.

Barbara Viegner asked Charlotte if they were going to post notice at the town hall about closing the office for those that didn't have internet access to the website. Charlotte said that it would be posted.

Barbara V. commented on the budget report saying that it is looking very good and was pleased with its accuracy. Charlotte thanked her and said they both try hard to assure this.

Rock Wilson moved to adjourn, Tim seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Comeau