

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009

SELECTMEN ATTENDANCE: Mike Reynolds, Chairman; Joe Bruno; and Dana Desjardins

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mark Gendron; and Lonnie Taylor

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Nancy Yates, Finance Director; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Will Cook, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: Lori Rand

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dates February 3, 2009.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

3. New business:
  - a. Selectmen consider and vote on recommended municipal budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reviewed the municipal budget which is under LD1. Our fund balance (surplus) is slightly over the auditor's suggested level. Revenues are down from previous years as well as the state funding.

Mr. Desjardins said he disagreed with the budget because it uses \$150,000 of the undesignated surplus. He would vote for the budget if that amount were taken out. Mr. Willard explained that the amount of fund balance is at the high side of the auditor's suggestion of 15% of the commitment. Mr. Bruno felt that during these uncertain times the fund balance should be kept near the 15% level without holding much more than that. Mr. Bruno felt that this budget met their goals and was acceptable.

Mr. Reynolds asked that they consider reinstating the GPCOG membership. He felt that since we won't be members of Maine Municipal Association, we should be members of GPCOG. It could be under the TIF budget which has some room in it. He would like to put his Selectmen's stipend toward this membership fee. It can be done if the Selectmen vote for it. Mr. Willard said that the Selectmen would have to vote on the budget item and then on the stipend to Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Bruno said that he would vote to donate his money back; however, Mr. Bruno couldn't because he was up for reelection and this would affect the next year's stipend. Mr. Reynolds said that the Selectmen's stipend account would be reduced \$1,200 and that amount could be used somewhere else in the budget.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to reduce the Selectmen's stipend by \$1,200. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Reynolds, Bruno) 1 opposed (Desjardins)

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to reduce the undesignated surplus fund balance by \$1,200.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: Mike Reynolds withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to take \$2,500 from fund balance and Mike Reynolds' \$1,200 from the previous motion to bring the fund balance to \$146,300. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins said that he was in favor of keeping the fund balance on the higher side in case of an emergency.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to put the GPCOG membership in the budget under the TIF item in the amount of \$4,725. Seconded by Joe Bruno with the caveat that because of the current hard times it's difficult to fund this type of expenditure.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Bruno, Reynolds) 1 opposed (Desjardins)

MOTION Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 2009-2010 budget as recommended by the town manager with the changes voted on above. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Bruno, Reynolds) 1 opposed (Desjardins)

4. Old (unfinished) business.
  - a. None

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a. Power outage from February 22 snowstorm.

Mr. Willard asked that if anyone knows of anyone needing assistance contact him at the town office. He continued that the assistance from Cumberland County has been appreciated. Chief Morse noted that Cumberland County has become integral with preparation and response to the storm. Mr. Desjardins questioned why we didn't use a Raymond school for a shelter this weekend instead of a Windham school. Chief Morse answered that we cooperated with the Windham shelter and the Red Cross because of the number of calls which came in. Chief Morse continued that staffing a shelter was a necessity and because Raymond was very busy with fire calls etc staffing a shelter would have been difficult. Mr. Willard assured them that if the need was there, Raymond would have opened the school as a shelter and in fact the town office was open for that use today. Chief Morse reported that every road without power had volunteer firemen going door to door asking if anyone needed assistance.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – February 24, 2009

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$40,370.99. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Treasurers Warrant in the amount of \$90,725.17. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-9

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Selectmen's meeting will be March 10, 2009 being the only Selectmen's meeting in March.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk