

Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday October 2, 2017 7:00 pm
Special Elector Meeting

Roll Call: Dennis Ferstenou, Lawrence Frazer, Randy Woodruff, Ruth Knapp, Laurie Hebert

Dennis explained we will have discussion, questions and comments on the purpose of this meeting tonight. Also to vote on giving the Town Board the authority to construct a new fire station and/or purchase land to build it on. The ballot will ask you if you want to give the authority to construct answer either yes or no. The ballot will also ask if you want to give the authority to build it on the ballfield which is currently owned by the Town or if you want to give the Town Board the authority to purchase land to construct the fire station for an additional \$32k.

Dennis said we arrived at this point starting with the annual meeting this year, when the recommendation by the electors was to pursue building a new fire station. Other options were looked to remodel the current station and/or add on.

Motion by John Lubs to open discussion, seconded by Jim Lane
Motion carried

Questions/Discussion:

John Lubs: 1. How determined the site selection; Dennis said midway between the town. 2. New station budget and maintenance costs; Dennis-approximately \$4500 a year for maintenance. 3. Taxes up then when paid will go down. Dennis-budget hearing in November electors vote to approve tax levy for 2018.

Harry Jacobson: Explain the three options. Dennis-add to existing station, build new on ball field land which town owns, purchase land from Klingers additional \$32k. New station have ambulance bay, and room to have sleeping quarters for possible future changes. Is water and sewer costs figured in? Dennis-yes.

Scott Decker: Why can't we replace the lights and poles on the ball field do not want to see the ball field lost.

Jeff Bowe: 1. Is the dollar amount open ended, what is the cap? How do you know what the price will be without firm numbers? If we exceed costs do we borrow more? Dennis-will be using \$100k from fire department money market account not figured in numbers yet. 2. Did the board vote to build new fire station.

Scott Decker: How old is the engine? Rocky-25 years.

Jeremy Hansman: Why do we need a new fire station? Dennis-lack of space with new equipment, trailer, not meeting room.

Chuck Hebert: I support the fire department but question if this is more want than need. Town hall can be used for meetings. The town also just bought the Dallmann property why can't we look at using this for the fire station. We are having a hard time now keeping up with road cost. Dennis-Dallmann property was bought for a buffer and future expansion not just for the fire department.

Jeff Bowe: Why not other options on this ballot. Survey supported a new or upgrading the fire station. Dennis-Discussion came to conclusion for a new fire station.

Randy Woodruff: At meetings people wanted the vote to be simple and clear with not a lot of choices.

Dave Decker: How many calls a year and how many are for fire. Rocky-100 a year with about 10 being fire calls. Getting more EMS calls.

Al Metendorf: Who comes to a call? Tonya Greger-We have the equipment now, and a fire call can turn into a EMS call or the other way around.

Steve Meinen: Fire station is 40 years old and when it was built we had less people in the town. It is inadequate to meet the needs for the town. I don't want to see this put on hold any longer, we need a new station.

Tony Bowe: Why precast for construction, also note the old fire station will not be abandoned the town can make use of for town equipment.

Al Balsinger: Explain tax levy amounts and time of payment at assessment of \$200K. Dennis-\$50.72 for 10 years option of \$884K new station on the ballfield. \$52.66 for 10 years option 3 of \$914K new station on purchased Klinger land.

Troy Amelse: Do we have the cost to prepare the ballfield-fence removal, will concession stand stay? Dennis yes concession stand will stay.

Harry Jacobson: I don't want my insurance rates to go up, they are based on how far you are located from the station.

Chuck Hebert: Volunteer fire fighters are decreasing in numbers, where are they going to come from for the future?

Dennis-if discussion is done I will ask for a motion to vote.

Motion by CC Moore, seconded by Carol Shilha

Yes-245

No- 10

Voting results were:

116-Yes

137-No

Motion by Bonnie Ferstenou to adjourn meeting, seconded by Eric Bohl

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm on Monday October 2, 2017