

**BOARD OF SELECTMENT MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2015 Minutes
FRENCHVILLE TOWN OFFICE AT 6:30PM**

Present: Percy Thibeault, Craig Lawrence, Clarence Roy, Camille Bernier, Andrew McQuarrie

Other: John Davis, Eric Blanchette

1. **Call meeting to order**-The meeting was called to order by Chairman Percy Thibeault at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Minutes of December 16, 2014**- John Davis pointed out an error in reference to account # E20-5300. The minutes stated the account to be E20-5500, the correction will be made. Camille Bernier noticed an error in the spelling of a word which will also be corrected. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Clarence Roy, to accept the minutes with the corrections. All in favor. APPROVED.
4. **Items to be Signed:**
 - A. **Warrants, expenses, and payroll:** The Board signed warrants #104-110.

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
December 17, 2014		104
December 18, 2014	105	
December 22, 2014	106	
December 23, 2014	107	
December 24, 2014		108
December 31, 2014		109

December 31, 2014	110	
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5. **Warrant Summary**-The warrant summary was approved by the Board.
6. **Articles Taken out of Order:**
 - A. The Town Manager presented Public Works Director Eric Blanchette, with a plaque in honor of his five years of service for the Town of Frenchville.
 - B. The bids for the single-axle truck were opened. A motion was made by Camille Bernier, seconded by Craig Lawrence, to accept the highest bid of \$2,161.99. All in favor. APPROVED.
 - C. The Board will follow the Town Policy in respect to employees having any time in the employ of the Town prior to January 1 of their first year prorated for vacation purposes.
7. **Reports and/or Correspondence**-No reports or correspondence.
8. **Public Participation:**
Time Opened 6:43pm Time Closed 6:44pm
9. **New Business**-For Selectmen information, John Davis presented the Board with the bill from Portland Glass to replace the broken pane at the Community Center.
10. **Unfinished Business:**
 - A. **Telephone Poles**-The Board signed the original copy of the EMERA request to install telephone poles on the Basil Lake Road.
 - B. **Sewer Report**-The dispute over the “elevated flow” months of April, May, and June of 2014 has yet be settled. The consensus is that St. Agatha still needs some incentive to fix their inflow and infiltration problems.
 - C. **Junk yard Permit**-There was nothing new to report on the issue of Rob Dionne obtaining a junk yard permit. John Davis will contact his lawyer, Jim Lavertu, before the next meeting.
 - D. **Snow Plowing Agreement**-Dennis Roy has not responded to the letter with the snow plowing agreement enclosed with it. The Board agrees that the Town will do what needs to be done to keep the road plowed and widened.
 - E. **Warrants**-The Town Manager will modify the disbursement warrant that he received from the Town Manager in Millinocket to reflect the needs of Frenchville. The Board also directed the manager to work this out with the Town Clerk and devise a plan so that the Manager sees all the bills before they are paid.

- F. **VRF Land Purchase**-The Town Manager informed the Board that the Town may need to secure a loan to pay its share of the land purchase that the Valley Recycle Board has been trying to purchase from the Airport.
- G. **Sewer Buy-in Fund**-The Board instructed the Town Manager to find the best deal to deposit the Sewer Buy-in funds and get that money out of the Town's General Fund.
- H. **Friday after Thanksgiving and Christmas**-The Selectmen agreed to keep the office closed the Friday after Thanksgiving every year. When Christmas fall on a Thursday, it will be left to the discretion of the Manager whether or not to have the office open on the following Friday.
- I. **Church Snow Plowing**-John Davis explained the situation with the Church parking lot and piling snow in the cemetery. The Board agreed that Public Works will continue to plow the parking lot, but will no longer pile snow in the cemetery. Public Works will pile the snow as high as they can in the parking lot, and if it becomes a burden, the Church will have to take care of it.

11. Other Business:

- A. **Ambulance Service**-Percy Thibeault updated the Board on the Situation with the ambulance service. He will attend St. Agatha's meeting on Monday January 12, to see what they plan on doing. The intent is to have a meeting with ASI and the town of Frenchville, St. Agatha, and Sinclair in the near future and proceed from there.
- B. **Fire Chief**-A motion was made by Craig Lawrence, seconded by Clarence Roy, to reinstate Mike Michaud to the position of Fire Chief for the remainder of his term which ends on March 31, 2015. All in favor. APPROVED.
- C. **Budget Draft**-Public Works Director Eric Blanchette presented his budget to the Board. There are still some issues that need to be resolved and the Board will discuss them at the next Budget meeting.

12. Future Meeting Dates:

The next Budget meeting will be held on

January 14, 2015 at the Frenchville Town Office at 6:30p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on

January 20, 2015 at the Frenchville Town Office at 6:30p.m.

- 13. **Adjourn**-A motion was made by Clarence Roy, seconded by Camille Bernier, to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. All in favor. APPROVED.

Board Tabled Items

- 1. **Historical Society**

2. Gagnon Bridge
3. Sewer Ordinance
4. Bob Dionne-Junk Yard
5. Ed Latham-Turn Around
6. Susan Hebert- abatement

Agenda Items for Special Meeting

1. Ambulance Service
2. Gagnon Bridge