



MEETING MINUTES
Frenchville Board of Selectpersons Meeting
Town of Frenchville Town Office
Thursday December 21st, 2017 @ 6:30pm

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairman Craig Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. **Public Comment Period:**

Time Opened **6:31pm** Time Closed **6:32pm**

4. **Approve December 7th, 2017 BOS Minutes:** Motion to approve December 7 minutes was made by Yvon Dube and seconded by Clarence Roy. All in favor.
5. **Warrants, Expenses, and Payrolls/Signatures**

Warrant Batch Date	A/P	Payroll
12/07/2017		133
12/07/2017	134	
12/14/2017		135
12/20/2017	136	
12/21/2017		137

6. **New Business:**

A. **Discussion on Pelletier Ave Financials to date & future expenses**

Town Manager, Ryan Pelletier shows spread sheet to board of monies that was not properly charged to the project, reviewed emails between clerk, previous chairman and selectman. He also explained that there were approximately 1,000 +/- deleted emails between the three. Clarence Roy asked why some of the wages weren't put to the proper account. Ryan also stated that there have been approximately 1,000 emails between him and Rick Currier about Pelletier Ave business. Right now there is a computer technician that is going through the server to uncover any other information. Ryan mentioned how it was ironic that the camera crew was not there after he explained to the public that the town did not pay for them to come record the meetings. Ryan also stated that "we are going to pick up the pieces and do the right things in the best interest of the town." In order to meet mediation

agreement the town must put in another \$200,000 of work to the road, and that's not including pavement, that's only to maintain it. The judge ordered for the town to purchase the land for \$1, therefore this means that the judge ruled that Pelletier Ave is a Private Road. Chairman Craig Lawrence did not feel comfortable to sign the documents without taking it to a town meeting to ask for the public's permission. Selectman Clarence Roy asked, what happens if we stop doing work/plowing on the road? Craig mentioned that if we can make an agreement with Mr. Ouellette, that it's his road, then we can walk away. Clarence then asked what would happen if we would get sued over the money? Yvon suggested we take this to the annual March Town Meeting to discuss. Bottom line, Craig stated there is nothing left in the account and we are facing a \$200,000 bill, that's reality. Ryan stated that a resident on Pelletier Ave contacted the state in regards to the \$25,000 that we get from LRAP, so we're now under audit to make sure that the LRAP funds are being properly appropriated to public roads unlike Pelletier Ave. We can lose the LRAP funds and may have to pay back some of that money. Ryan commented to the residents on Pelletier Ave, congratulations, you got what you wanted now everyone else is going to pay. These people on this road are going to cost everyone a lot more money than they think. They knew we had a gag order and couldn't talk. So when they sent that letter out to the public stating it wouldn't raise their taxes a dime. They were wrong. People would have voted differently knowing it's going to cost them almost half a mill rate, \$200,000. Clarence Roy asked if we get sued, we don't own the land, will they go after the guy who owns the land? Craig responded saying, no because we created the hazard. Ryan said there are 21 emails between the lawyers and MMA saying if this is a private road. How many times will it take for you not to do anything to it. Chairman Craig Lawrence stated that he hopes the people are watching this because right now they are getting the truth and they are hearing things that they haven't been able to say. The judge's determination is that Pelletier Avenue is a PRIVATE ROAD and that Frenchville does NOT own it. Selectman Andrew McQuarrie stated, didn't we get a call from the insurance company saying that if we damage a truck, or hurt someone that they wouldn't pay to repair it? Craig agreed and said if we damage anything up there they won't pay to repair it because we should not have been up there. Yvon mentioned that the vote that took place on November 14 should be challenged. Craig Lawrence and Yvon Dube mentioned that the board members should be compensated for their extra time, from meetings with the lawyers, court hearings, and mileage. The public should know what was happening here. The public should know about the videotaping. Why isn't the WOWL tv crew here tonight? All of a sudden 34 meetings later there was an emergency? The press isn't here sitting in his usual corner? This is very suspicious. Seems pretty interesting that now that we can legally talk about this and nobody is here. Yvon suggested if we need to buy a camera to show the public what's really going on then maybe we should get one. Ryan requested this camera from Don Raymond in Fort Kent and will be posting the meetings on our Town Facebook page and that this meeting was also being recorded live on Facebook. There will be no more personal agendas. We are here to work for the Town of Frenchville.

7. Other Business:

A. Roland J. Michaud BYOB Permit

Board approved and signed the permit.

B. TM Update on 2017 Budget ending numbers

97.13 Town Manager says we are on track.

8. Meeting Dates: BOS Meeting on Thursday, January 4th, 2017 @ 6:30pm at the Town Office

Adjourn: Chairman Craig Lawrence called for a motion the adjourn the meeting. Yvon Dube made a motion, seconded by Clarence Roy. All in Favor. Motion carries. 8:08pm