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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2012

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey and David J. Consolati, Board of Selectmen, Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator.

Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of October 2, 2012 were unanimously approved.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Application for Taxicab/Limousine Service – Michael Tokoly – Michael Tokoly came before the Board with his request for a taxicab/limousine license. He stated that he is in the process of getting insurance and he will start with 1 vehicle. He also has a livery truck that he may introduce later depending on the success of the business.

A reporter from the Berkshire Beacon asked the Board how many taxicab services are there in Lee at the current time and he was told that there is one. Mr. Tokoly was informed that the license would not be issued until he brings his certificate of insurance to either the Select Board's office or to Chief Buffis. Mr. Tokoly asked if the Board set the rates to which Patty Carlino responded that the Board does not set the rates. Mr. Tokoly was informed that he would pay the \$10.00 per vehicle fee to the Town when all his paperwork was in order. *The Board voted unanimously to grant a taxicab license to Michael Tokoly upon the receipt of his Certificate of Insurance.*

Telephone Service Provider Procurement – Chief Buffis - Chief Joe Buffis came before the Board with a proposal for telephone service from CornerStone of Troy, New York. Verizon currently provides telephone service on a month to month basis. CornerStone's proposal offers a savings of \$202.57 monthly for a yearly savings of \$2,430.78. CornerStone would also streamline the paperwork which would reduce the amount of time spent in breaking out department billings. *The Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Chief Buffis for the proposal from CornerStone subject to review of the contract by town counsel as to form for a monthly charge not to exceed the amount of \$1,198.74 through June 30, 2013, and to allow the Chair to sign the contract.*

Reverse 911 Options – Chief Buffis – Chief Joe Buffis presented the Board with Reverse 911 options for the Town. Alert One is the system used by the Lee School System and is used primarily for

schools (cost \$5,000.00 per year). Blackboard Connect is used by Great Barrington/Egremont with some limitation, but overall they are satisfied with it (cost \$5,732, plus yearly fee of \$975). Ping 4 is a system that encompasses only cell and internet, no land lines (cost \$999 per year). Swiftreach911 owns its own phone service, covers landlines, cell phones, internet and web address (cost \$1,695 per year). CodeRED system covers all communication venues, landlines, cell phone, mobile devices internet & WEB. It is utilized in many communities in Western Massachusetts, including Pittsfield, North Adams and Adams (cost \$4,194 on an annual basis, with a multi-year contract netting a lower price). The Chief spoke with users of each system and the CodeRED system seems to be the front runner in terms of cost, service, support and being user friendly. It is also the most utilized system in Massachusetts.

The Chief also spoke with the 911 grant people and they are discussing including a Reverse 911 system as an allowable expense next year. Joe is recommending a single year contract as the grant allows reimbursement only after a contract is signed. If we paid upfront for a multi-year contract now, it would not be eligible for reimbursement in 2013. If we were to sign on with CornerStone it would free up about \$2,400.00 per year from the communication budget.

David Consolati suggested that the newspaper reporters could write something concerning the Reverse 911 systems to garner public input and also suggested that people interested could call Chief Buffis or the Selectmen's office. The Board agreed to make a reminder at the next meeting on November 6th and to put it on the Agenda for the November 20th meeting. Patty Carlino also suggested that we put it on our Town of Lee website.

Ambulance – Jesse Briggs came before the Board to read an announcement written by Lisa Michaud in which she announces that Lee Ambulance received its paramedic level licensure from OEMS on October 15th and will begin operating at the paramedic level at 6:00 AM on Oct. 21st. They will provide paramedic level care 12 hours a day initially and will increase that to 24/7 within the following three years. Their goal is to provide the highest quality, most professional, skillful and compassionate emergency care to the residents and visitors of our community. She ended by thanking all for their support in making this goal a reality. Jesse also stated that our mutual aid agreement is still in place for those times when needed.

Berkshire Gas Permits – *The Board voted unanimously to grant permits to Berkshire Gas Company for replacing a gas main on Mill Street, Repairing or installing two new test stations on Fairview Street (40 ft south of Pole 22) (near house 435).* The permits regarding Fairview Street both are on the stipulation that they do not cut the road, as we just spent \$750,000.00 to repave it. Patty Carlino suggested that the Selectmen's secretary call Berkshire Gas in the morning to make sure they are aware of this stipulation.

Warrant for State Election – November 6, 2012 – 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM – 21 Crossway, Crossway Village Gym - *The Board voted unanimously to sign off on the Warrant for State Election as presented.*

4. Pending Business: None.

5. **Town Administrator:** - Bob Nason commented on the letter from Al Zerbato thanking everyone for allowing him to attend the Water Environment Federation Water Conference in New Orleans. Mr. Nason thanked him for representing our town and stated that we are all proud of his achievements.
6. **Public Comments:** None. David Consolati mentioned an uplifting article in the Berkshire Eagle regarding the three new restaurant businesses in our town. David also wanted to extend our condolences to the Abbott, Carty and Collins family for their loss.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next meeting will be on October 25th at 5:00 in the Selectmen's Office for the Tax Classification Hearing. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.
8. **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:** *At 7:30 PM roll call and upon agreement of the members, the Board adjourned the regular meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy regarding the Lee Police Association, because a public discussion would have a detrimental effect. The members will not return to public session.*

Upon a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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David Consolati
Patricia Carlino
Gordon D. Bailey

None

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Clerk
Town Collector
Planning Board

Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Police Chief
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works
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Superintendent of Schools
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