

TOWN OF MADISON - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Inhabitants of the Town of Madison are hereby notified of a public meeting. The time, place and purpose of which are as follows:

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM 104
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
DECEMBER 17, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

- A. **Salute to the flag:** Meeting was called to order at 6pm.
- B. **Roll Call:** Selectmen Jack Ducharme, George Elias, Ronald Moody and David Savage were present. Chairman Veneziano was absent. Town Manager Tim Curtis, Finance Director Tammy Carrier, Fire Chief Don French and Road Commissioner Jeff Wright were also in attendance.
- C. **Consent Agenda:** Warrant #14 (11/26/18 - \$537,343.86), #15 (11/26/18 - \$1,720.56); Payroll Registers: # 48 (11/29/18 - \$15,189.68), #49 (12/6/18 - \$19,008.85): Motion by Mr. Elias to approve, seconded by Mr. Moody. Motion carries 4-0.
- D. **Acceptance of the meeting minutes from November 26, 2018.** Motion to accept by Mr. Moody, seconded by Mr. Savage. Motion carries 3-0-1 (Mr. Elias abstained).
- E. **Old Business** (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. **Items of Communication:** Town Manager Curtis reported that Danielle Ahern from Bangor Savings Bank has been in contact with Town Clerk Kathy Estes to review the process of drawing \$400,000 from the Line of Credit as approved by the board at the November 26 meeting.

The January 14 Select Board Meeting will be at the Fire Station in East Madison.

Board members should have received a copy of the proposed legislation to allow for changes to the Madison Electric Works Charter. This will allow the MEW board to approve borrowing through revenue bonds and allow the MEW board to appoint its own treasurer.

Town Manager Curtis submitted a 2019 meeting schedule for the Select Board for their information.

G. **New Business**

1. **Department Head Reports:** Road Commissioner Jeff Wright updated the board on activities. Weather has been fairly stable and the highway crew has stayed busy cutting back brush and inside projects.

Written reports from the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office were accepted as information.

2. **Review Budget Schedule:** Town Manager Curtis shared with the board a schedule for budget work to begin in January with department heads meeting with Finance Director Carrier to review expenses and add/delete budget lines. The Town Manager will meet with Department Heads in February and then there will be reports to the Select Board in March with the combined meeting with the Budget Advisory Board scheduled for Wednesday April 3, 2019.

Mr. Elias asked if the budgets Department Heads will be presenting to the Board in March will be revised. The Town Manager said any revisions will happen after the department heads report to the Board.

3. **Discuss FEMA Reimbursement:** Recently the Town received reimbursement for man and equipment hours spent by several departments for cleanup during the major storm of early November 2017. The funding is broken down between work done by the Highway Department, Fire Department and Madison Electric Works. Motion by Mr. Moody to allocate the funds to each department as recommended by the Town Manager (51% Highway, 34% MEW, 15% Fire). Seconded by Mr. Elias. The first installment was a total of approximately \$12,500 with another \$2,500 anticipated in the spring. Mr. Elias asked what the Highway and Fire planned to do with the funds. Finance Director Carrier said they would be put into an account for future equipment purchases. Motion carries 4-0.
4. **Discuss Fire Dept Vehicle Request (Pickup Truck):** Fire Chief Don French spoke to the Board about funding for a multi-purpose vehicle for the FD. He would like to purchase a used 4DR 4x4 pickup to be used for volunteers to respond to fires so that they would not have to transport gear and equipment back and forth in their personal vehicles. Town Manager Curtis noted that Don and Tammy have pulled together approximately \$6,500 that could be used for this purpose and recommended that the Board allocated \$5,000 from the Legal Fund to provide funds for this purpose.

Mr. Moody said he did not think that a suitable vehicle could be found for that little amount of money. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Fire Chief get quotes for vehicles that fit the criteria and bring them back to the board with a request for a specific amount of money to be allocated.

5. **Update on AMSD Stormwater Assessment Fee:** Town Manager Curtis shared some figures with the board. The first was a breakdown comparison of costs between Skowhegan Sanitary and AMSD. These figures show the difference of a wastewater treatment system built for a municipality compared to the AMSD plant built for a huge industrial user. If there is not another large wastewater producer located in the former Madison Paper site, then the treatment plant will have to find grants and loans to start dismantling to become a more competitive system.

The Town Manager also showed 15 years of history as to what the Town had been paying for stormwater upgrades and maintenance. The average was \$113,000. Originally the AMSD had planned to issue a stormwater assessment fee to the Town for \$138,000. After meeting with the District Board of Directors the Town Manager said they have reduced that number to \$107,000. The Town Manager recommends adding that amount to the budget but not paying for any additional stormwater related costs.

Mr. Moody asked if that figure of \$107,000 would remain stable. Mr. Elias, who also serves on the AMSD Board of Directors, said he would assume that if there was an increase to sewer rates, then that number would also increase.

H. Selectman Concerns: None

I. Citizen Concerns: None

J. Executive Session to discuss personnel matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) (a). Motion by Mr. Elias to enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Moody. Motion carries 4-0. The board entered executive session at 6:40pm.

The board exited executive session at 6:58pm with no action taken.

K. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm