CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Towne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SELECTMEN PRESENT/QUORUM: Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Ronnie Irving, Selectman Edward Blanchard, Selectman Stephen Hatch and Selectman Brian Bickford. Also present Town Manager Pamela Violette and Deputy Town Clerk Earla Haggerty.

DEPARTMENT HEAD – Police Chief Bell

Chief Bell reported the restructuring of the Police Department was going well and explained it was his intention to be full strength with three full-time officers before the end of the year. Chief Bell reported he had already heard very good feedback from residents reference Officers Gordon Mank and Karl Roy and was encouraging them to "get in front of residents – real face time" that ultimately would increase community Goodwill. He assured the Board that police coverage from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day with State Police coverage from 12 p.m. to 7 a.m. would be an improvement over the scheduling of part-time reserve officers.

Chief Bell also reported that the department would be keeping a permanent daily log for all after hours business property checks so the business community would be certain the security of their property was on the PD's radar.

Chief Bell reported the Academy buy-out payment for Officer Maloon who had recently left the Clinton Police Department for service with the state police would be arriving in the near future - he estimated the payment would be approaching $24,000.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

a. **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes – July 26, 2016**
Selectman Hatch moved to approve the minutes of July 26, 2016 meeting as presented. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

b. **TradeWinds – Jay Gould: Petition – Question for November 8, 2016 Ballot –** Jay Gould and Chuck Lawrence, Co-Owners of TradeWinds Market were present to advise Selectmen that on the strength of two petitions regarding the sale of wine and spirits they were prepared to ask Selectman to authorize a Special Town Meeting Ballot for November 8, 2016 which would present two articles to the voters that ultimately would determine whether or not a Clinton establishment will be allowed to become a State Liquor Agency for the sale of spirits and fortified wine for off premise consumption.

There will be two questions on the ballot:

Article 1: *Shall this Municipality authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of liquor?*

Shall this Municipality authorize the State of Maine to allow the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on days other than Sunday and to allow this Municipality to authorize the operation of agency liquor stores on days other than Sunday?

Article 2: *Shall this Municipality authorize the State of Maine to issue licenses for the sale of liquor?*

Shall this Municipality authorize the State of Maine to allow the sale of spirits and fortified wine for consumption off the premises on Sundays and to allow this Municipality to authorize the operation of agency liquor stores on Sundays?

After discussion the consensus of the Board was to allow the question to go before the voters on a special meeting ballot which would require a Public Hearing at one of the Selectmen's meetings in October. Selectman Hatch moved to authorize a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the purpose of determining the will of the voters concerning the sale of wine and spirits within Clinton. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

c. **Municipal Quit Claim Deed & Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration, 1983 Tax Lien (Map 16, Lot 36)** Town Manager Pam Violette explained that a 1983 tax lien had not been properly discharged so a quit claim deed was necessary for the Estate of Richard Allen Sturtevant.

Selectman Hatch moved to approve and sign the Municipal Quit Claim Deed and Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration to discharge a 1983 tax lien for Map 16, Lot 36. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Road Projects** – Town Manager Pam Violette advised that based on discussions with Tim Gerow and the complaints she had received from residents and bus drivers she was proposing the dollars available for paving in the remainder of 2016 be spent on the Upper Bellsqueeze Road. Pam advised there was approximately 1,000 feet of road surface in need of being dug out and resurfaced with at least a 1" shim and there needed to be a significant amount of brush cutting.

Selectman Irving stated his concern that a 1" shim would not be adequate for the Bellsqueeze Road. In his opinion it should be a 2" or 3" shim and he also preferred a reclaim of the road surface so the road could be reshaped in the bad places. Selectmen Irving and Bickford agreed that under drainage might be necessary in one particular area. It was Selectman Irving's opinion that the road paving previously approved by the Board should be done because all the work necessary on the Bellsqueeze Road would make it cost prohibitive for 2016. He suggested the Board put the Bellsqueeze Road on a separate article at the June 2017 town meeting warrant with the amount it would cost to do all the work necessary for the entire Bellsqueeze Road.

Chairman Towne said the Upper Bellsqueeze Road, the McNally Road, the Horseback Road and the River Road all needed attention as soon as the budget could manage. Town Manager Violette also advised that per Tim Gerow's assessment only three of the four culverts on the McNally Road needed replacement before paving.

2. **Credit Cards** - Town Manager Violette advised that department heads had requested a town credit card for their respective departments to make on-line purchases possible without employees using

their personal credit cards and then waiting for town reimbursement. After a discussion of how the monthly statement would be scrutinized the Board authorized the town manager to submit the credit card application to the bank.

6. SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS: None.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Nitram – Ron Gaulin, Nitram Comptroller, requested to supply the bond, as per the snowplowing contract, close to October 1st when the contract is in effect.

2. Annual Audit – The annual audit is still a work in-progress

3. 2016 Mil Rate – There was brief discussion regarding new valuations discovered by Assessors Agent, Garnett Robinson, which the previous agent had not recorded. Selectman Irving inquired whether or not the law allows the town to go back any number of years to collect on that missed valuation. Garnett Robinson will be present at the August 23rd meeting.

8. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – August 23, 2016

1. Road Projects
2. Assessor's Agent
3. Committee Appointments
4. Resolution - Mil Rate Calculation

10. TREASURER'S WARRANT: Selectman Blanchard moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant # 9 in the amount of $217,883.40. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Warrant approved. Chairman Towne noted for the record that once again a generous contribution of $174,297 had been made to MSAD # 49.

11. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - The Board's rules of procedure have imposed a 15-minute time limit.

12. ADJOURN: 7:41 p.m. Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Barla J. Haggerty
Deputy Town Clerk