

July 21, 2010

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed.

Nelson made a motion to approve the July 7, 2010 minutes. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Bids from Fahrner Asphalt and A-1 Services were reviewed. The bids were for crack filling, seal coating and restriping the parking lot of the town hall. Fahrner's bid was for \$6,320 and A-1's bid was for \$5,965. A-1 would put an X in the parking lot for a helicopter landing zone for another \$100. Forbes made a motion to accept the bid from A-1 Services as long as they routed all the new cracks for the crack filling. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Chairman Rickaby talked to Jim Cheshire from Cellcom about a light on the cell tower for the safety of emergency helicopters that land in our parking lot. He said that they would not be able to put the light on this year, because it is not in the budget. He said that they could work it in the budget for next year.

Forbes made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Cellcom that would give them the right of first refusal if the Town was interested in selling the lease for the cell tower site. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The board discussed borrowing the money in 2010 for our fire protection contracts for 2011. If we borrow the money this year, we would be able to put it on the tax roll to be collected in December 2010 and January 2011. We would be able to pay off the loan in August 2011. The Town has to borrow the money to cover the fire protection costs, since we cannot charge a per parcel fee while we are in the appeal process with Plum Creek. Since the Town would collect money on the taxes to repay the loan, Plum Creek would not be charged for fire protection at all, since they are in a special tax classification. The fire charge ordinance would need to be changed in order to bill MFL owners that wouldn't pay any fire protection costs on their taxes, if a fire broke out on their property. The board will work with the Town lawyers to get the ordinance changed to reflect the MFL charges. The clerk will have exact amount of the fire contracts at the end of August. A few resolutions would need to be passed by the board and paperwork would need to be signed.

The board also discussed the possibility of a satellite fire station within the Town and whether it would save the Town money. The board will discuss the feasibility of a satellite station at a later meeting.

David Ryun gave the Constable's report. There are still four 5-day tickets that have not been paid by Town residents for dog's licenses. Tickets will be issued.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence was read.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Nelson seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski

Town Clerk