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ASHLAND BOARD OF ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 25, 2017 **6 Collins Street** ASHLAND, NH 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Fucarile, Sandra Coleman & Jamie Lyford

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Nichols, Linda Pack & Tejasinha Sivalingam

CALL TO ORDER:

Sandra Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lee Nichols advised the new Garage Building is now ours and he has contacted Primex to insure the building. Right now he is also looking into sealing the concrete floor and installing shelving. Advanced Lock & Key will be coming to change the locks on the building.

In a letter received from the EPA, 3 issues were rejected from the Clean Harbors cleanup report and the EPA will be here Friday at 1 PM for an inspection. Lee has discussed the issue of the report and stated the cleanup looks as though it was not completed properly. He has been in contact with Steve Applebaum of Clean Harbors regarding additional cleanup just discovered. Lee asked that Scott from Clean Harbors attend the inspection as well. After much discussion the Commissioners feel they should pay for the disposal only and Clean Harbors should pay for the equipment and labor cost as well as fixing the report to the EPA. The Commissioners also requested the results from the previous testing done by Clean Harbors at the start and the samples taken the other day.

Lee advised the Commissioners that Altec has voided one invoice due to issues with the Digger Derrick Service Invoice not being itemized correctly. The Invoice was in the amount of \$833.00 dollars.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Jamie suggested that he would like the linemen to attend a Chain Saw Class on May 2nd in Franklin hosted by Primex.

Sandra brought a list of items that she wished to discuss with the Superintendent and Commissioners.

- 1. The Skinning knives used by the Linemen are dull and need to be sharpened. She recommended getting a proper knife sharpener. Lee will see to sharpening the knives and Sandra recommended getting 2 new and sharpening the others.
- 2. Discussion regarding hooded sweatshirts for Linemen. The Department will purchase but they need to be 100% Cotton in order to be approved.
- 3. Also discussed was a possible mapping program for poles, lights, transformers etc...

Lengthy discussion of the Department's financial situation ensued. Jamie wants to look into increasing the minimum charges.

Jamie made a motion to adjust the minimum charge to 9.50 instead of the current 6.50 as of June first. Sandra seconded the motion. After lengthy discussion regarding various ways to increase revenue, the motion and second was rescinded. The consensus was to wait a month or two before making any decisions to increase the minimum charges.

Discussion ensued regarding on call pay and the availability to be on call. Jamie questioned how the on call pay was paid if a worker was not available. Lee is supposed to be notified if a worker is not available to be called in and who will take his place.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

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Accounts Payable and Payroll signed by Commissioners.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Sandra made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:15 PM according to RSA 91-A:3II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman - yes, Jamie Lyford - yes and David Fucarile - yes.

David Fucarile made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:25 PM. Sandra Coleman seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman - yes, Jamie Lyford - yes and David Fucarile - yes.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Jamie Lyford seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

David Fucarile made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 9:30 PM according to RSA 91-A:3II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her etc... Sandra Coleman seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman - yes, Jamie Lyford - yes and David Fucarile - yes.

Jamie Lyford made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:45 PM. Sandra Coleman seconded the motion. Sandra Coleman - yes, Jamie Lyford - yes and David Fucarile - yes.

Sandra Coleman made a motion to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sandra Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM. David Fucarile seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Linda A. Pack

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