

**MEETING OF THE
ORWELL SELECT BOARD
September 28, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Town Office**

**Select Board Walker James
Carla Ochs
Roland Simmons
Peter Young**

**Present: Allen M. Alger
Allen R. Alger**

Susan Ann Arnebold, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Roland Simmons, Chair.

1. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

None.

2. HIGHWAY REPORT.

a. Road Foreman Report - The current price for salt from Barrett is 62.43. This is under the state contract and thus set for the season Allen M. Alger reported.

The Select Board and Road Foreman discussed equipment needs.

Roland Simmons moved to purchase a storage chest. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

After reviewing the truck and body quotes, the Select Board decided to prepare all the information, for either a truck body for the '93 or a new truck, to enable the voters to make a decision at the next town meeting in March of 2010.

All quotes are for the same set of specs compiled by the Road Crew. The '93 Mack is in condition to work through this coming winter season.

b. Dump Body Quote - The quote from ATEC is \$15,950 and from Iroquois is \$4,512.

c. International Quote - The quote from J & B International for the International truck is \$103,066.

d. Driving Training - Once again VLCT-PACIF is offering driver training with the requirement that if a registration is made and there is a no show, the town will be **charged \$300 per no show penalty**. The Road crew will not be registering for any of these October sessions.

3. MINUTES.

Carla Ochs moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2009 and the Ancient Roads Public Hearing, as written. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

4. PAYMENT OF BILLS.

Carla Ochs moved to pay the General Fund orders in the amount of \$4,689.84, the Sewer orders in the amount of \$407.08 and the Town payroll. Peter Young seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

5. SEWER REPORT.

None.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Select Board received notice that Orwell will be receiving \$2,392.22, the second payment representing the municipal taxes credited on tax bills for those homestead property claimants in Orwell who filed their property tax adjustment claims after April 15, 2009 and before the deadline of September 1, 2009.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

a. MVAA Contract Returned - The Select Board received back the MVAA contract now signed by MVAA's duly authorized agents. As of this contract, the MVAA donation for the Town of Orwell is \$2.00 per capita at the most recent population census.

b. LEPC Meeting - There is a follow-up workshop to be held in Whiting. This will be a tabletop exercise designed to test cooperation among the communities of Leicester, Whiting, Orwell and Shoreham. The date is Thursday, October 1, 2009 5-9, with dinner provided. LEPC #8 is looking for a count of attendees for Orwell.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Break In at Town Garage - The Select Board reported that there was a break in at the Town Garage sometime after closing on September 22nd and before opening on September 23rd last. Selected equipment was taken and the side door was damaged. Discussion ensued.

b. Health Insurance Notice - The Select Board received notice from PACIF that the health insurance renewal rates for 2010 should see rate increases in the low single digits.

c. Flu Clinic - Addison County Home, Health and Hospice will hold a flu clinic on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 from 2 to 4 at the Orwell Town Hall cafeteria. The cost is \$30.00.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

a. VLCT Town Fair Reminder - The VLCT Town Fair will be held at the Barre Municipal Civil Center on Thursday, October 1, 2009.

b. PC/DRB Secretary - The Select Board received the following E-mail from Andrea Ochs, PC Chair: "The Orwell PC met on Wednesday evening Sept 16, 2009 at that meeting we agreed to forward Moriah Park's name to the Selectboard for the position of secretary of the PC and DRB... We feel that she is qualified for this job." Discussion followed.

Carla Ochs moved to hire Moriah Park as secretary for the PC/DRB, at the request of the PC, at the hourly rate of \$12.90. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes 0 No.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Peter Young moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Walker James seconded the motion. The motion passed - 4 Yes - 0 No.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ann Arnebold
Clerk of the Board