

TOWN OF WINSLOW, MAINE
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 9, 2020
MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ONLINE VIA ZOOM

AT 6:00 P.M. - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Attendance was taken with the following Town Councilors present: Jeff West, Steve Russell, Patricia Ayer, Lee Trahan, Jerry Quirion, Ben Twitchell and Ray Caron.

Also present were Town Manager Michael Heavener, Town Clerk Lisa Gilliam and Fire Chief Ronnie Rodriguez.

2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor Ben Twitchell recited the pledge of allegiance.

TABLED BUSINESS

Tabled at August 12, 2019 Council Meeting

1. Resolution No. 25-2019: Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to accept the attached proposal/letter of agreement from Dirigo Engineering to design a drainage system for property on the Cushman Road at a cost of \$14,000.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

2. Order No. 6-2020: Providing for: Authorization for the Town Manager to purchase two used Ambulances and associated Equipment at a total cost of \$204,400.

Mr. Quirion made a motion to open the discussion; motion seconded by Mr. Trahan.

Motion by Mr. Twitchell to table Order No. 6-2020 until the next Council Meeting on April 13, 2020.

Mr. Twitchell stated that he had received several calls from residents who were not in favor of the town purchasing an ambulance to start their own rescue service. Mr. Twitchell said there needs to be more time to gather information for the public.

Ms. Ayer disagreed and said this had been an open discussion for 18 months, she further stated that all of the information had been presented in a public format and there should be no delay necessary.

Mr. Quirion seconded the motion made by Mr. Twitchell to table the discussion until the next Council meeting.

Mr. Russell said he was not opposed to tabling Order No. 6-2020 until the next Council meeting on Monday, but he did not want to stall this discussion any further than that.

Chief Rodriguez reviewed the education and training his department was currently enrolled in to become Advanced EMT's, the next step up in their continued training would be certified as a Paramedic.

Ms. Ayer asked if the Fire Department had the space to house two ambulances; Chief Rodriguez said there was ample space in the station for both vehicles.

Mr. Russell discussed the possibility of purchasing one ambulance and then acquiring a second one at a later date. Mr. Caron said he would not be in favor of this suggestion because the ambulance service would need to be consistent and able to answer multiple emergency calls. Discussion continued.

Mr. Quirion asked about the condition of the two ambulances; Chief Rodriguez said both vehicles are used, but in excellent condition.

Mr. Trahan stated that over the years he has required the services of Delta Ambulance and that having a service with a quicker response time would be very valuable for the residents who are in urgent need of care. He also stated there is a comfort level by having people you know aiding you in a medical situation. Councilor Caron was in agreement.

Town Manager Heavener noted that the Town currently pays for EMS Services and that budgeted amount is not included in the figures provided by the Fire Chief.

Ms. Ayer streamed the Council Meeting live on Facebook and stated there were 109 comments/questions on this discussion. Mr. Caron stated there would be no harm in waiting a few more days to make a decision. Manager Heavener said he would gather the questions that have been raised online and present them to the Council before their next meeting on Monday. Discussion continued.

Chairman Caron called for a vote on the motion to table Order No. 6-2020 until the next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020.

Roll Call: Y Jeff West
 Y Steve Russell
 Y Patricia West
 Y Lee Trahan
 Y Jerry Quirion
 Y Ben Twitchell
 Y Ray Caron

Motion to table Order 6-2020 carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Quirion made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Mr. Twitchell.

Motion to adjourn carried by unanimous vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Lisa J. Gilliam, Town Clerk