

FARMINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Chairman Joshua Bell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Stephan Bunker, Scott Landry, Michael Fogg and Matthew Smith. Town Manager Richard Davis, Town Secretary Linda Grant, and members of the press and public were also in attendance.

ITEM 1: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Chairman Joshua Bell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ITEM 2: To Appoint the Interim RSU 9 Director

Richard Davis stated that applications have been received from Kirk Doyle, Dennis O’Neil and Ryan Morgan, all of whom were present. Stephan Bunker reiterated that this is an interim appointment and encouraged those two who don’t receive the appointment to seek election in March.

Stephan Bunker moved to appoint Ryan Morgan as the interim RSU 9 Director; Matthew Smith seconded.

Stephan Bunker stated that he feels it is to the Town’s advantage for Mr. Morgan to be appointed given his recent past experience on the school board.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

The Selectmen and Town Manager thanked the three applicants for their interest in this position.

ITEM 3: To Approve Purchases from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Account

Richard Davis asked the Selectmen to defer this Item to the next Selectmen’s meeting on November 27th as Public Works Director Phil Hutchins was unable to be here tonight due to the inclement weather.

Stephan Bunker moved to table Item 3 until the November 27th Selectmen’s meeting; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 4: To Award the bid for a new Detective’s Vehicle

Chief Jack Peck was present and reviewed his purchase request and the bid process as noted in his memo dated November 1, 2018. Chief Peck recommended the purchase a 2018 Ford Escape SUV from Hight Chevrolet at a cost of \$18,580, with funding of

ITEM 4: To Award the bid for a new Detective's Vehicle (Cont.)

\$9,290 to come from the drug forfeiture account and \$9,290 to come from the Vehicle Reserve account. The benefits of this type of vehicle, the bids received and trade-ins allowed, and the balances of both proposed funding accounts were discussed.

Stephan Bunker moved to award the bid for a new Detective's vehicle to Hight Chevrolet for a 2018 Ford Escape at a cost of \$18,580, with half of the cost to come from the drug forfeiture account and half from the Vehicle Reserve account; Matthew Smith seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 4 OPPOSED 1 MOTION CARRIED
(Michael Fogg)**

ITEM 5: To Authorize the Police Department to Accept a BYRNE/JAG Grant in the Amount of \$3,338 for Specialized Software

Chief Jack Peck explained that the grant has already been awarded and asked that his department be allowed to accept it. The department would like to use the money to purchase software to manage its policy procedures, training records and its accreditation process. The department would also like to use part of the money to purchase a keyless entry system for the Police Station, as the current punch in system has failed, so personnel have to key in manually.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the Police Department to accept a BYRNE/JAG Grant in the amount of \$3,338 for specialized software and a keyless entry system; Stephan Bunker seconded.

Scott Landry commended the Police Department on its ability to get so many grants. In answer to Joshua Bell's inquiry as to the annual maintenance cost of the software, Chief Peck stated that it will be \$1,200.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 6: To Authorize the Acquisition of Additional truck(s) through the LESO 1033 Program should they become Available

Richard Davis explained that he hopes the Selectmen will give him a standing authorization because Sgt. Hastings is very good at finding needed equipment but isn't always able to commit to acquiring it if there isn't a Selectmen's meeting scheduled in time for authorization. Chief Jack Peck explained what a typical acquisition process entails and reiterated that this authorization would only be in the event there is no Selectmen's meeting scheduled in the acquisition time period.

Matthew Smith moved to authorize the Town Manager to make decisions on the acquisition of additional truck(s) through the LESO 1033 Program should they become available; Scott Landry seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 7: To Consider an Expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2019 edition of Discover Maine Magazine, to be funded from the 2019 Special Projects Account

Richard Davis reviewed a copy of a prior ad that the Town had placed in the Discover Maine Magazine with recommended revisions and explained that if approved, the cost will come from the 2019 budget.

Michael Fogg moved to approve an expenditure of \$355.50 for a full color ad in the 2019 edition of Discover Maine Magazine, with funding to come from the Special Projects account; Stephan Bunker seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 8: To Establish the Date for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting

Richard Davis stated that the Town Clerk is in need of an official date for nomination papers. He recommended that the 2019 annual Town Meeting be held 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center on the last Monday in March, or March 25, 2019.

Matthew Smith moved to set the date of March 25, 2019 for the 2019 annual Town Meeting; Michael Fogg seconded.

In response to Stephan Bunker's inquiry, Town Secretary Linda Grant reported that Joshua Bell and Michael Fogg's terms are expiring in 2019.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 9: To Approve the Minutes of October 23, 2018

Scott Landry moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2018; Matthew Smith seconded.

VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 5 MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business

- A) Richard Davis explained that, at the recommendation of the engineer, it is still the plan to pave Front Street tomorrow in order to seal it before winter. Density testing will be done in the spring, at which time it will be repaved if the testing does not prove satisfactory.
- B) Richard Davis reminded the Selectmen of the Franklin County Municipal Officer's meeting at 6:30 P.M. in the downstairs meeting room at the Community Center tomorrow night with guest speakers, election of officers, and a decision on the organization's funds/bank account.
- C) Those present congratulated Scott Landry on his election to the Maine House of Representative for District 113

ITEM 10: To Discuss Other Business (Cont.)

- D)** Joshua Bell generated a brief discussion regarding the number of street and bridge light outages there are in town. Town Secretary Linda Grant reported that she is working diligently with a CMP representative to get them back on.

- E)** Joshua Bell stated that he has been approached by a local resident who would like to donate Christmas lights to be placed on Center Bridge and asked if that would be permissible. Richard Davis stated that he will check with MaineDOT.

There being no further business to come before the Board, **Stephan Bunker moved to adjourn at 7:10 P.M.; Matthew Smith seconded.**

VOTE **AFFIRMATIVE** **5** **MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda H. Grant.

Michael J. Fogg - Secretary