

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

July 6, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Neal, Vice Chairman
Douglas Ficken

Brett Sanderson
Bruce Schmidt

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Frank Heald

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Bakerman	Sylvia "Honey" Graves	Mike McDermott
Gary Blodgett	Marty Harrison	Susan McNeeley
Terry Carter	Marie Hasson	Betty Merrill
Sean Cota	Bob Higgins	Robert Merrill
Alan Couch	Rita Higgins	Julie Nicoll
Peter Crowley	Dave Higley	Richard Nye
Liz Crowley	Larry Kelley	Josh O'Gorman
Pam Cruickshank	Willie Kennedy	Mary Jane O'Hara
Jamie Donnelly	Robert Kirkbride	Ralph Pace
Andrea Donohue	Dave Knight	Linda Potter
BJ Donohue	Mary Knight	Ted Reeves
Arlene Dowling	Maureen Korsun	Jim Rumrill
Donald Dowling	Robert Kottkamp	Rich Russo
Marilyn Dunwoody	Virginia Kottkamp	Jerry Skene
Phil Dunwoody	Bob Landry	Gerry Snyder
Christine Fuller	Ray Lavanway	Ginny Snyder
Jim Fuller	Marilyn Ledoux	Steve Stengel
Carolyn Gauthier	Dave Lewis	Joyce Tamburino
Mark Gauthier	John Martel	George Timko
Randy Gilmour	Nancy Martel	Robin Timko
Leo Graham	Nancy M. Martel	Duncan Love (LPC-TV)

**OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS PETITION TO AMEND ZONING
REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE-UP WINDOW**

1. Call to Order

- A. Vice Chairman John Neal called this hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. He advised that this is the third meeting to discuss and receive comments regarding the Petition to amend the Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations to allow for a drive-thru window in the Residential Commercial District, south of the Village of Ludlow. He added that the vote is tomorrow and if the majority vote is against the petition, it will be a dead issue. If the vote is in favor of the petition, people will have opportunities to speak at other venues. The DRB and Act 250 will hold hearings.
- B. Richard Nye asked if the Planning Commission had submitted a report to the Select Board and if so, what did it say.
- C. Phil Dunwoody, vice chairman of the Planning Commission, advised that the Planning Commission had reviewed the petition and compared it to the Town Plan and determined areas where the petition was not consistent with the Town Plan. The Planning Commission voted unanimously against the petition and did submit a report to the Select Board with that information.
- D. Richard Nye said that the article in the paper was misleading led people to believe that the Planning Commission was not against the petition.
- E. Phil Dunwoody said the Planning Commission was against the petition, but that state statute requires the process of hearings when a petition is filed with the town clerk.

- F. Bob Higgins asked if the changes proposed were for the exclusive use of the applicants. Are they trying to shut out others from having a drive up window?
- G. Robert Landry said that anyone who wants to might get a petition together and submit it to the town.
- H. Christine Fuller said that as she understands the petition it is a drive up window in a multiuse building in a specific area.
- I. Mike McDermott said that still does not preclude others from doing their own petition.
- J. Gary Blodgett said that the petition goes against current zoning. Zoning Regulations are put in place to protect the town. Local businesses will be adversely affected. Will other businesses move to that end of town to set up drive up windows of their own, and if they do, there will be vacant spaces in the village. People will stop at these places and drive right through town. Local shops like the bookstore and florist will also suffer. In the letters sent out by Champlain Oil, there seemed to be an underlying threat. If the vote passes, they will clean up the existing Jiffi Mart space, and if the vote fails, they will not clean up that space. He really hopes that people will say they love the little town the way it is.
- K. John Neal asked people to refrain from applauding or making comments when someone is speaking.
- L. Gary Blodgett cautioned people to beware, if this passes, there will be no going back.
- M. Alan Couch said that he was not on the Planning Commission when this started and he is now. He said that under current zoning regulations, the project could be done now without the drive up window. This is about a change to the zoning regulations that is very specific and very narrow. There are 2-3 properties that would fit into that description. If we are going to change the zoning regulations, it should be for the entire district, not one specific location. He asked what about other businesses. He said this is a variance for a parcel of land. The petition was poorly written and is spot zoning. Zoning should be definite and apply to everyone in a district.
- N. Phil Dunwoody said that this is spot zoning and spot zoning is one of the worst things you can do to zoning. This would be a change for a particular parcel of land. Once done, it would open the door for any number of others who would like spot zoning. The town would be besieged by applications. This is very much an exclusive request. They are the only ones that would be able to do this and it would give them a business advantage. Ludlow offers something different for the people who come here to visit. There is no McDonalds, Burger King or Taco Bell. That's part of our image. If we change that, why would people come here?
- O. Mike McDermott said this is a multi-use building. Anyone can petition. We had to petition.
- P. Larry Kelley said that it was not their intent to have spot zoning. Years ago, McDonalds tried to get into town with a stand-alone store. The town did not want it. He is not sure that it will be a McDonalds. The town would not allow a stand-alone now. This will be a multiuse building. This petition was crafted where other businesses are now located. What better place than the business district. Everyone can be involved. It is not spot zoning. Okemo has gotten exceptions to zoning. Zoning changes and the state requires that towns review zoning every ten years. He does not think the Mom and Pop stores will be hurt. People will still go there to visit with friends. This is what all gas stations are now. People go in and get coffee. This will create 15 jobs and taxes for the town. When he came here, there were only 3 real estate offices in town and look how many there are now. This won't hurt anyone.
- Q. Peter Crowley said that he was on the Planning Commission when this petition came before the committee. The board voted unanimously against it. He advised people to look at Section 511 of the town plan and this project does not conform to it. When the town plan was last revised, there was great town support for it. If this passes, the zoning regulations will go against the town plan and there will be a legal storm. When the Planning Commission crafted its letter to the Select Board, it may not have been strong enough. Even the DRB and Act 250 cannot pass anything that goes against the town plan. It will cost the town in legal expenses.
- R. Carolyn Gauthier said that she watched the public hearing in TV and was appalled that the Select Board said that the comments were 50/50 regarding support of the petition. She blames the Select Board for saying it was.
- S. Richard Nye said that people spend time and effort to beautify the town. It will be destroyed. This will be a race to the bottom if approved.
- T. Arthur Bakerman said that he came to town in the 1980's to visit the mountain. He stayed here and raised his son here. The idea that this won't hurt the town is crazy. He noticed that motorcyclists visit town and go to the local eateries. If McDonalds comes to town, they will go there, gas up and just leave. We are being held ransom by Champlain Oil. They say if the vote passes, there will be a park and they will clean up the Jiffi Mart. He would rather see people visiting the small stores. It would be a mistake to let people have the opportunity to just drive through town.
- U. Liz Crowley said that she cannot imagine how the little Mom and Pop stores will not be hurt. People will just drive through town. This is hurtful and narrow-minded. There was an ad in

- the papers about the park. Who will maintain it? Her opinion is that we can't maintain the parks we have now.
- V. John Neal said that maintenance would be covered by permits if passed.
- W. Honey Graves said that she has lived here all of her life. If this is passed, the breakfast and lunch restaurants will be threatened. It was a mistake to let this get this far.
- X. Mark Gauthier said that he is somewhat involved with the Ludlow Country Store. He would like to enhance Peter Crowley said about the town plan. The town plan was adopted in 2007 and a lot of thought, work and energy went into it. It is as good or better than other town plans. He highlighted sections of the town plan that he will discuss, later. The Planning Commission was given a directive by the Select Board to revise the town plan and zoning regulations. The Select Board adopted them and they did not go to a public vote. Someone with a lot of money comes in and the Select Board had the opportunity to say no to this petition. The Planning Commission was not backed by the Select Board. This is unfortunate. In the eyes of the state, the town plan is the guide. On page 5, Section 7, the town plan directs us to focus economic development to make sure local residents can meet their needs. On page 2 of 5, we are directed to preserve the village. On 5 of 11, we are told to enhance the village and if possible pursue Downtown designation. We are told to preserve fossil fuels. On 9 Section 3, we are told that random development responding to market forces has serious implications. The Select Board and DRB are supposed to heed the town plan.
- Y. Terry Carter said that tomorrow is the vote. The town has to decide good food or junk food. Mc Donald's food is full of preservatives and fat.
- Z. Mary Knight said that she was confused. Is the land for the park going to be land or will they build the park.
- AA. Mike McDermott said that Larry Kelley would donate the land to the town and the town can do whatever it wants with it.
- BB. Mary Knight said that the town can't even afford fireworks. We are not getting a park, we are getting 8 acres of wetlands and the town will no longer be able to collect taxes on it. Also, what is the town going to do with the other property?
- CC. John Neal said that it is very important for everyone to come out and vote tomorrow. The Select Board members hear everyone's concerns.
- DD. Marilyn Dunwoody said that she can remember when Ludlow was an embarrassment and businesses were boarded up. It is now a beautiful town and people are retiring here. She fears that if fast food restaurants come, people will go there and will not even stop in town and the local businesses will suffer. She does not want to see the town regress. Tomorrow is a crucial day in this town.
- EE. Steve Stengel said it is a simple issue. Do we need fast food here? When he moved here, it was to get closer to nature. We have pride in the woods and houses. We are insulated from the rest of the country. We would be removing ourselves from nature if we pass this. Whatever fast food restaurant comes, it will be through corporate manipulation.
- FF. Nancy Martel said that she thought it would be nice to have a park and that is what she and other people thought they would be getting. People are coming into this blindfolded.
- GG. Dave Knight said it is a shame that we are here and cannot rely on the Select Board and Planning Commission to protect us. This is spot zoning. The Planning Commission and Select Board should have said no.
- HH. Rich Russo said that the Select Board should have rejected this.
- II. John Neal said that the Select Board could have rejected it, but chose to let it go to the town for a vote.
- JJ. Rich Russo said that knowing the town plan, what made you decide to vote the way you did. We will get ourselves into a legal situation.
- KK. John Neal said that at the first meeting, there seemed to be a lot of locals in support. He personally did not want to make the decision and thought it was important to let the community decide. If we had seen this turnout at that hearing, we may have decided differently.
- LL. Bruce Schmidt said that personally he felt that the Planning Commission had tainted this. There were Planning Commission members distributing petitions against it and some wrote letters and did not say they were Planning Commission members. He wanted to give the applicant a fair shake.
- MM. Richard Nye said that he is appalled and confused at the legal ramifications of going against the town plan. You are empowered to support the town plan. You are opening a legal Pandora's box.
- NN. John Neal said that 5 attorneys would give 5 different opinions. He hopes that everyone gets out to vote tomorrow.
- OO. Christine Fuller said that the brochure that was sent out in the mail by Champlain Oil was misleading. They can build a fast food restaurant today. They do not need a drive up window.
- PP. Mary Jane O'Hara said that there was a former applicant for that property and they were told they would not be able to build there because of the floodway.

- QQ. Arthur Bakerman said that he watched the other meetings for some people against the application. This whole process is political baloney. He read all of the information sent out by Champlain Oil and some of what they say will happen, may not happen. The whole thing is ridiculous.
- RR. Bob Kottkamp said that they bought here to get away from fast food. He hope that people here will get their neighbors to vote.
- SS. Rita Higgins asked about the Jiffi Mart.
- TT. Mike McDermott said the property is for sale.
- UU. John Neal said that Champlain Oil has the property for sale.
- VV. Peter Crowley said that Larry Kelley said that he would donate land to the town, but someone from the town has to accept the land. Has there already been a meeting that said the Select Board would accept the land.
- WW. John Neal said that he takes offence to that suggestion. The Select Board members take pride in their positions and the town. There have been no conversations between Larry Kelley and the any board members.
- XX. Peter Crowley said that Larry Kelley alludes that this has already happened. I know that is not true. We need everyone to know the truth.
- YY. John Neal said to get everyone out to vote.
- ZZ. Ginny Snyder asked that if this does not pass, will we have to go through it all over again.
- AAA. Richard Nye said that he did not like that they coupled cleaning up the existing property with this petition passing.
- BBB. Ray Lavanway said that in the 1950's he lived in a small town in Connecticut and McDonalds tried and eventually got into town. That opened the floodgates and more fast food establishments got into town. The road became known as the great white way. He moved to Ludlow in the 1980's. He does not want to see Route 103 and Main Street become the great white way.
- CCC. John Neal said he would take only one or two more comments.
- DDD. Phil Dunwoody said that the conflict with the town plan is bigger issue than people realize. There will be problems. Our town plan and zoning regulations also were approved by the Regional Planning Commission. This is unquestionably an example of spot zoning. We have a nice town, but this petition would be like pulling the nail that loosens the box.
- EEE. Bob Landry said that he has worked for Champlain Oil for a long time. The owners live in Burlington. The only company that has approached us for the drive up is the Dunkin Donuts from the Mobile station in Ludlow. Champlain Oil is not corporate America. It is a family business trying to do business in Vermont. There are no environmental issues. He resents people talking about his employers. He hopes everyone does get out to vote.
- FFF. Robin Timko explained that she is from Cavendish and represents other small businesses in the Okemo Valley. We are interdependent on Ludlow and maintaining that fabric of small businesses is important. A fast food restaurant would not support other local businesses. Please remember that this vote will go beyond Ludlow.
- GGG. Arthur Bakerman said that he takes umbrage at the comments made by Bob Landry. No one in this room has mentioned Mr. Landry's employers by name.
- HHH. Gary Blodgett said that he went to the public hearing and has done research. He understands that there have been environmental issues. He advised that the town of Vergennes was against them coming into Vergennes (the location was near a school.) Champlain Oil want to keep their 27 Jiffi Marts a family business. This will definitely affect the small businesses in Ludlow.
- III. Hearing closed at 8:20 p.m.

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
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REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

- A. Vice Chairman John Neal opened the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. All members are present, except Howard Barton.

2. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- A. John Neal advised that the minutes to be approved are from the regular meeting of June 1, 2009.
- B. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Doug Ficken to approve the minutes amended above as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Comments from Citizens**

- A. Neil Martin email
- i. Frank Heald advised that he had spoken with Mr. Martin last year and told him the town would top coat South Hill Road this year. There are plans to put a base coat up the hill, not quite to Mr. Martin's house, until the funds run out. Frank Heald will communicate this to Mr. Martin.
 - ii. Bruce Schmidt asked if there are any voters up there who have voiced concerns.
 - iii. Frank Heald said Mr. Martin is a taxpayer and we will try to help.
 - iv. Bruce Schmidt said that he had not heard of any ambulance having a problem getting up there.
 - v. Frank Heald said one day there was some problem, but it got through.

4. **Appointments – Developmental Review Board**

- A. John Neal advised that there are 3 one-year openings on the DRB and 3 letters have been received from current DRB members wishing to return, Linda Petty, Julie Nicoll and Troy Adams.
- B. **MOTION by Doug Ficken and seconded by Bruce Schmidt to appoint all three, Linda Petty, Julie Nicoll and Troy Adams to 1-year terms. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Approve Town Clerk Fees**

- A. John Neal advised that a letter was received from Ulla Cook requesting an increase in recording fees. The recording fees will be \$10.00 per page and survey maps will be \$15.00 per page. Transfer tax returns will be \$10.00 for the entire document, and \$1.00 of each fee will go to the Vault Preservation fund. The letter advises that these increases have been approved by the state legislature.
- B. Bruce Schmidt asked if the increases were in line with other towns.
- C. Frank Heald said that Ulla Cook says they are.
- D. Bruce Schmidt noted that part of the fees go to vault preservation. He asked about going digital.
- E. Frank Heald said yes, but that they would still maintain paper records. Everything is microfilmed now.
- F. John Neal asked the average number of pages for recording.
- G. Frank Heald said he did not know.
- H. John Neal asked why the fees were increasing so much.
- I. Frank Heald said that is what the state legislature approved. The clerk's office operates at a surplus and provides revenue for the town.
- J. **MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Brett Sanderson to approve the increases as outlined in Ulla Cook's letter. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Review Chipper Bids**

- A. Frank Heald advised that Ron Tarbell had negotiated a price with a vendor for this, but there had been some concerns voiced by the board, so it was put out to bid.

Bidder	Unit	Price
Brown Enterprises	Rayco RC12DXP	\$26,500.00
Lewis Equipment	Bandit 150XP	\$24,172.00
	Bandit 150XP to town specs	\$29,224.00
	Bandit 1290H	\$30,736.00
HP Fairfield	Altec DC1217HP	\$29,750.00
	Less trade	<u>-\$1,200.00</u>
	NET	\$26,950.00
NorTrax	Morbark M12D	\$31,500.00
	Less trade	<u>-\$3,000.00</u>
	NET	\$28,500.00
	Morbark Storm 12	\$33,000.00
	Less trade	<u>-\$3,000.00</u>
	NET	\$30,000.00
	Morbark Twister	\$26,500.00
	Less trade	<u>-\$3,000.00</u>
	NET	<u>\$23,500.00</u>

- B. The bids were given to Frank Heald.
 C. Dave Lewis advised that he had checked on the specifications for the Rayco in March, but that is no longer available. He gave prices for the specifications. When will they be making a decision?
 D. John Neal said by the end of the week and if there are any questions Frank Heald will call him.
 E. Bruce Schmidt suggested that they get confirmation the unit id not available.

7. **Appoint Representative to Connecticut River Transit: Ted Reeves**

- A. John Neal advised that a letter of requesting the re-appointment of Ted Reeves had been received from Connecticut River Transit.
 B. **MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Brett Sanderson to re-appoint Ted Reeves as representative to the Connecticut River Transit. Motion passed unanimously.**

NOTE: Frank Heald suggested that since representatives from Cota & Cota are present, the board address agenda item #12 next. Minutes are in order of agenda.

8. **Open Turf Mower Bids**

- A. The following bids were received.

Bidder	Unit	Price
Brown Enterprises	34 HPKawasaki as per spec	\$10,069 (less \$500 trade)
Walker Mountain	M72KW Wide Track	\$11,749.00
	Less discount	<u>-\$2,349.80</u>
	NET	\$9,399.20
Pinnacle Equipment	XMART 35HP	\$14,479.00
	Less discount	<u>-\$2,896.00</u>
	Less trade	<u>-\$3,000.00</u>
	NET	\$8,583.00
	XMART Z 35HP	\$12,479.00
	Less discount	<u>-\$2,496.00</u>
	Less trade	<u>-\$3,000.00</u>
	NET	\$6,983.00

- B. Bids were given to Frank Heald for review.

9. **Review Incidental Contractor Prices/Use /FY2009**

- A. Bruce Schmidt asked if this item might be tabled for the next meeting so that all board members could be present.
- B. General board consensus.

10. **Approve Ludlow Armory Updated Purchase Price as Per Last Legislative Session**

- A. John Neal advised that the town has decided to go forward with the purchase of the armory for \$337,500.00. There were some concerns that the price was unfair because the town had given the property to the state for the armory and it was thought that if and when the armory no longer needed it, it would come back to the town. The town contacted our state representatives and discussed the situation. The new price from the legislature is \$85,000.00. We think it is a fair deal. We need to affirm a decision to proceed tonight, proceed with Phase II Environmental Assessment and close by January 1, 2010.
- B. **MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Doug Ficken to purchase the property at the Ludlow Armory for \$85,000 subject to the Environmental Phase II Study and terms suggested by the State Legislature, including closing by January 1, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. John Neal said that we should thank Senators Nitka and Campbell and Representative Devereux for their assistance.
- D. Frank Heald said that Regional Planning Commission maybe able to complete the Phase II Assessment with grant monies that they have available.
- E. Bruce Schmidt thanked John Neal and Frank Heald for their efforts in contacting the legislators to get the price lowered. He appreciates what they have done and it will save the town a lot of money.
- F. John Neal said the committees first meeting would be July 9th.

11. **Update on Dorsey Park Turf**

- A. Frank Heald said that Homestead and the subcontractors were there and replaced and re-graded as necessary. Mr. Williams from Okemo Valley looked at the field and said it will grab. Frank Heald has a meeting with Homestead tomorrow and the field is on the road to recovery.
- B. Bruce Schmidt said it was a good job.

12. **Discuss Heating Fuels FY2010**

- A. Frank Heald advised that for the last 3 years, the town has gone with the state contract on fuels that is Albany Rack price plus. There was some discussion with the school about locking in prices. The schools were working with a broker in Maine. The superintendent of schools and Frank Heald thought it would be prudent to solicit bids. We asked Cota & Cota and HB Fuels had approached us. Lock- in prices a couple of months ago ranged from \$1.70 to \$1.80 and Springfield Schools locked at about \$2.00. Prices went up 1 ½ weeks ago.

DEALER	PRICE PER GALLON
HB Fuels	\$2.249 guaranteed #2 Fuel
Cota & Cota	Albany Rack + \$.39 (\$2.1865 today, \$0.75 less tomorrow) - #2 Fuel
	Albany Rack + \$.39 (\$2.261 today, \$0.75 less tomorrow) - Diesel

- B. Sean Cota said that he represents the dealers nationwide and the situation is the same as last year. There is a fundamental overhang. Demand is off and the excess world capacity is about 15%. Financials have blown the market as far as it could go. It is the same pattern as last year. He does not think it would be good to lock a price at this time. The market is volatile. He thinks that crude will get to around \$30/barrel on a fundamental basis, maybe \$28-\$35. We are at 30-year high inventories and the potential for decrease is high. You can buy options at about \$.28 per gallon. There is a company called Hedge Solutions in Maine that does that.
- C. Frank Heald said that last year the town made out well with the state contract, but people are worried about Venezuela and Iran.
- D. Sean Cota said the Saudis put in extra. There is a 15% excess storage on crude. He thinks the price will decline. Prices will ramp up again in 2014.
- E. Bruce Schmidt said the board has to be cautious. They either have to dismiss all bids or accept the lowest, Cota & Cota.

- F. Jim Rumrill said that Cota & Cota's prices are not fixed because of the reasons Sean Cota mentioned. It will be just \$.39 over rack.
- G. Frank Heald said that is the same as the program that the state has. Our #2 costs were as low as \$1.50 to \$1.90 and only the last couple were at \$2.00. The contract served us well.
- H. Bruce Schmidt said that his concern is that the bids have been opened.
- I. Frank Heald said that the program is the same as the state's. You are not committing to a specific number of gallons. It is a rolling cost, \$.39 over rack.
- J. Sean Cota said that the further out you buy an option, the better.
- K. Bruce Schmidt asked what Frank Heald recommends. The board needs to consider the budget.
- L. Frank Heald said to go with the market as opposed to fixing a price.
- M. Bruce Schmidt said that he thinks they should go with the program because it could save more money for the town.
- N. Frank Heald said it has worked for the last 3 years. When the school first came to him, it was \$1.70-\$1.80, but it is higher now. We have done better over the last 3 years not going with a fixed price.
- O. Sean Cota said that rack pricing is historically lower than locking in.
- P. **MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Brett Sanderson to accept the price of \$.39 over rack from Cota & Cota.**
- Q. Frank Heald said that this is a delivery price. He will not know what the state contract price will be until September 1, 2009. His transportation price is about \$.14/gallon. The state price last year for #2 was \$.14 over the Monday Albany rack price and \$.40 over for diesel.
- R. John Neal said that Cota's price is \$.39 over.
- S. Frank Heald said he would not know what the state price is until September 1st.
- T. Bruce Schmidt asked why we are doing this now.
- U. Frank Heald said because people were worried about fuel costs.
- V. Bruce Schmidt said they have to deal with the bids. There is no set number of gallons in the Cota bid. The board could go with them and if the state costs are lower, buy from the state.
- W. Frank Heald said that Cota's price is valid until July 31st.
- X. Sean Cota said he would extend the bid in this case.
- Y. Jim Rumrill said that as a taxpayer, he would not go with the fixed price.
- Z. John Neal said this would be until Sean Cota changes his mind.
- AA. **Motion passed unanimously.**

13. **Department Head Reports**

- A. John Neal advised that all reports are in. He noted that there is a new coordinator for the Ambulance Service and the report appears to be more detail in the report than previous reports. He added that he went to another meeting today for the Ambulance Department and there are some very positive things. It is a pleasure dealing with the Ambulance Department. They are going in the right direction.
- B. Bruce Schmidt noted that there is a desire to work together.
- C. Frank Heald said that it is getting big and he will get more involved with it.

14. **Other Business**

- A. There was none.

15. **Sign Warrant Orders**

- A. Warrant orders have been signed.

16. **Set Special Meeting Date: 2010 Tax Rate**

- A. Frank Heald suggested Thursday morning. The listers are still finishing up.
- B. Meeting was set for 8:00 a.m., Thursday, July 9, 2009.

17. **Set Date for August Meeting**

- A. It was tentatively agreed that the August regular meeting would be held on August 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Howard Barton will be contacted to check if this is good for him.

18. **Possible Executive Session – Personnel**

- A. Frank Heald said that this could be done in August.

19. **Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Bruce Schmidt to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman

Brett Sanderson

Doug Ficken

Bruce Schmidt

John Neal