

Municipal Council Agenda
Tuesday, July 24, 2007
7:00PM Town Hall Auditorium

President Lawrence called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councilor Pinierio led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call - Members present: Councilors Lavoie, Lindstrom, Thone, Pinierio, Benson, King, Iacobucci and Lawrence. Councilor McClure had an excused absence.

Public Comment:

Larry Frost told the Municipal Council he had fifteen DVD's of his show "Our Town" that he would like to donate to the Town Library. He stated he had several more shows lined up and after they aired on able he would donate those to the Library as well.

Jim Thivierge thanked Councilor Lindstrom for the energy resource commission bill that was sponsored by her and adopted by the Council. He talked about the finances of the town and the annual report and asked the Council to request a preliminary tax rate from the Mayor by mid August.

Anne Marie Carrier asked the Municipal Council to consider developing more park space and buying statues to beautify the town. She stated a statue of the police dog would be a nice start.

Scott McIntyre, Melanson, Heath & Associates stated that his firm audited the governmental activities, the business-type activities (water & sewer) and the aggregate remaining fund information of the town which comprise the town's basic financial statements with the exception of the Retirement System. He stated the audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and GASB 34. He stated the audit went well and everything was reconciled. He gave an overview of the annual financial statements. He pointed out the areas in the management letter that they outlined for the Town to set goals for improvement.

Councilor Pinierio asked about user fees. Mr. McIntyre explained those are in the Water and Sewer funds.

Councilor Lindstrom asked how the compiling of the infrastructures fixed assets would affect the Town. Mr. McIntyre explained it would keep the town in compliance.

Councilor Iacobucci asked why the management letter was so late. Mr. McIntyre apologized that he was late getting it to the CFO and then the CFO had to get his responses back to him prior to completion of the report. Councilor Iacobucci asked what areas Melanson and Heath would be focusing on in the upcoming audit. Mr. McIntyre stated that rather than looking at last years they would first look at the current year to create their plan for the current year audit. Councilor Iacobucci asked if the Council had concerns or areas that they would liked looked at in the next audit if that would be possible. Mr. McIntyre stated that the President of the Council could send all concerns or areas of interest to the CFO who would in turn get them to him and they would certainly take into consideration the Council's request in planning the current year's audit.

Councilor Iacobucci asked Mr. Basque why some of the same concerns have been in the previous year audit reports. Mr. Basque state that they have been dealing with the most important issues first and

although he understands Mr. McIntyre may not agree with his priorities working on the major issues at hand have been put ahead of putting policies in writing. They are working on them and many of them should be complete this year.

Councilor Robert Lavoie moved to go into executive session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property and to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and the Council will not reconvene in open session.

Roll Call Vote Yes-Lavoie, Lindstrom, Pinierio, Thone, Benson, King, Iacobucci, Lawrence - Unanimous

Regular session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Bonnijo Kitchin
Town Clerk