

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Lake George held on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at the Town Center, 20 Old Post Road, Lake George, NY

Member present: Louis Tessier, Supervisor
Rita Dorman, Councilperson
George McGowan, Councilperson

Members absent: Vincent Crocitto, Councilperson
Frank McCoy, Councilperson

Others present: James Mathis, Town Clerk, Shane Magner, Joe Scicutella,
James Barber

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 PM by Supervisor Tessier. He said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the particulars surrounding the contracting of a Dog Control Officer to work in the Town outside of the Village. The major concern was that of insurance coverage for the officer when it is contracted out to an independent vendor. NYMIR recommends that the vendor carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 coverage with the Town as co-insured. The question is, will the vendor agree to purchase such a policy for that position?

Supervisor noted the document, which had been provided to him and the members of the Town Board listing some of the concerns he had about the position of Dog Control Officer. The information was gained from the training session he attended in the spring at Delhi. Mr. Barber said that he will still be taking care of the Dog Control responsibilities for the Village.

Councilperson Dorman asked about the arrangements the Town had when Bob Morehouse was the officer. Supervisor Tessier said that since he was an employee of the Village at that time, the insurance coverage was provided under their policy.

Councilperson Dorman wondered if the selected Dog Control Officer, Ron Eaglestone, would need to purchase his own insurance. He has a signed agreement with the Town, but if the cost of insurance is prohibitive in relation to his income from the position, he might decide not to take the position.

Councilperson McGowan suggested that information be sought on how other towns solve the Dog Control issue and the accompanying insurance. He said that Hague pays their individual \$2,500 per year, but does not know about the insurance coverage he has.

Councilperson Dorman asked about the other expenses, which would be included in the job of the Dog Control Officer, such as equipment, phone or beeper, mileage, etc.

Supervisor Tessier said that the Town needs to find out if Mr. Eaglestone still wants the position under the conditions of the necessary insurance, equipment, phones, etc. Councilperson Dorman asked if the Town would be absorbing some of the cost of the operation. Supervisor Tessier said that it is really necessary to learn what the actual additional needs and their associated costs will be, then the Town can make its decision.

Councilperson Dorman moved and Councilperson McGowan seconded that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Ayes: 3 Tessier, Dorman, McGowan
Nays 0

Motion passed and the Board went into Executive Session at 4:20 PM

Councilperson Dorman moved and Councilperson McGowan seconded that the Board reconvene the Board Meeting.

Ayes: 3 Tessier, Dorman, McGowan
Nays 0

Motion passed and the Board reconvened the meeting at 4:55 PM

Supervisor Tessier said that there was no action taken during the Executive Session.

Councilperson Dorman moved and Councilperson McGowan seconded that the Special Board Meeting be adjourned.

Ayes: 3 Tessier, Dorman, McGowan
Nays 0

Motion passed and the Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Mathis
Town Clerk