

CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Thursday, April 7, 2022, 4:00 P.M.  
Admin. Building

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Tom Buco, Steve Bamsey and Mike Digregorio will be a few minutes late.

Staff present: Amy Snow - Municipal Bookkeeper, Chief Solomon, and Superintendent Vallieres.

Town Staff present: John Eastman and Paul D.

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to enter a one-year contract with Tuckerman's Brewing Company. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

Mr. Digregorio joined the meeting.

Daymond Steer from the Conway Daily Sun joined the meeting via phone.

Mr. Bamsey stated that there will be a series of informational meetings to gain input and to share the facts regarding this possible dissolution.

Mr. Digregorio put forth that since we now know that we can progress with water and sewer outside of the district that perhaps we may not require a dissolution.

Paul D. offered that the question was put to the town staff, can the town handle the district operations and the answer was yes. Per Paul, the Board of Selectmen's opinion was that they are interested in taking over the whole operation.

Mr. Bamsey asked if the IMA will automatically transfer to the town if the district dissolves. Paul D. said that they believe it would.

Paul added that if this goes on the district warrant in the future then the town will do as it always does and partner with the parties concerned.

Mr. Bamsey mentioned that the district would be needing a backhoe. Paul D proposed that if the district is absorbed by the town there would be a sharing of these resources, including the Administration building.

There was discussion regarding Fire Department staffing and the possibility of consolidation and/or privatization.

Mr. Bamsey put forth that Aquarion Water has reached out to us and has requested to attending next week's meeting. They are a private company that buys and privatizes water facilities. This is an informational meeting only.

Mr. Bamsey asked what scenario did Paul D see for the town of Conway. Would the town run the Fire Department, or would they sell everything and contract with another district to cover us? Paul D stated that the current thinking is it's better served by the municipality. Keeping the staff and the building.

There was a discussion regarding regulating and streamlining all Short-Term Rental as well as increasing the current building permit to \$1,500.00 on all new construction over 2200 square feet.

The Chief brought up that if the ambulance was to transfer to the town, we would need to know if the town was going to keep the ambulance municipal or if it would be privatized. The town would have to gain permission to bill Medicare and that is a lengthy process at best. Paul D answered with he thinks the discussion was that it would be kept status quo for a length of time. The Chief agreed that would be the way to go.

Mr. Bamsey invited Daymond Steer to come to next week's meeting as he will be able to gather more pertinent information for an article.

Paul D., Mr. Eastman and Mr. Steer left the meeting.

#### FIRECHIEF'S BUSINESS

The Chief stated that the new Tahoe is parked at the Fire Station and the vinyl has been ordered. It will then go to OME for lights, so it will likely be a month before it's completely outfitted.

The assistant Chief position has been posted internally since last Monday. There have been a couple of internal inquiries and the Chief requests that one of the commissioners sit in on any interviews.

The Chief then stated that Maine Health is dropping Anthem effective January 1, 2023. More to follow on this.

Mr. Digregorio left the meeting at 5:20 P.M.

#### SUPERINTEDENT'S BUSINESS

Bruno stated that there is a demo chlorine analyzer set up at the well yard. It will be in place for two weeks. The water is tested every day and we have very good water. This device could be beneficial in the future.

The Vac truck came yesterday. It comes every two years and cleans out the buildup in our pump stations so that it does not go through the pumps.

Bruno shared that there is still no date from the high school to look over the gazebo.

He added that they are really gearing up to get started on Chase Ave., Farrington Ave., and Wilder Street.

Mr. Bamsey asked if Bruno had contacted the new owner of the Congregational church. Bruno and Amy confirmed that Mr. Tanning will be attending next week's meeting at 5 P.M.

Bruno mentioned that the new car wash was is in the works. Discussion ensued.

### BOOKKEEPERS BUSINESS

Amy stated that mid-May is when AARP will be telling the status of the submitted applications and the end of June, they will let us know if we got the grant.

Amy presented four Sewers Usage Abatement requests.

**Mr. Bamsey made the motion for a sewage abatement for 81B Prospect Road, Conway in the amount of \$1,116.42. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made the motion for a sewage abatement for 35 Jack Frost Lane, Conway in the amount of \$22.18. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made the motion for a sewage abatement for 33 Kancamagus Highway, The Ranger Station, Conway in the amount of \$2,378.00. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made the motion for a sewage abatement for 182 West Main Street, Conway in the amount of \$578.77. Seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

### ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to ratify a., b., c., and d. Seconded by Mr. Buco.**

- a. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for week ending 4/3/22
- b. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for month ending 3/31/22
- c. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for quarter ending 3/31/22
- d. Ratify A/P Manifest dated 4/6/22 and sign checks dated 4/8/22

**Discussion:** Computer Port - \$2,930.00, a new computer and a new anti-virus  
Electrical Installations - \$4,338.22, Saco Pump Power Panel  
Grant Expenditures – \$7,269.00 Night Vision Goggles

Snow Signs - \$2,062.50 Vinyl wrap for the new Tahoe  
Ti Sales - \$7,889.68, Inventory and meter replacement  
Eversource - \$9,904.77  
**Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve the chief's timesheet for week ending 4/3/2022, seconded by Mr. Buco. Motion passed 2-0-0.**

**Mr. Bamsey tabled the minutes for week 3/31/2022.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the Commissioners meeting Room.

The Informational Meeting regarding dissolving the district will take place on April 21, 2022, at 5:30 P.M. in the fire station meeting room.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Chisholm, Office Assistant