

Town of Isle La Motte  
Select Board Meeting  
July 5, 2017  
Town Hall/5:00 PM

Members present: Steve Stata, Rusty Spaulding.

Others present: Lister Debbie Spaulding, Trustee of public funds Paul Zera, Assistant town clerk Carol Michaels, Treasurer Cathy Tudhope, Justice of the peace Betty Lockerby, Lister & delinquent tax collector Mary Labrecque, Joyce Tuck, Sarah Noble.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Steve Stata.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA  
None

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
No need

3. Discuss changes to delinquent tax policy  
MARY LABRECQUE-

- #2 Many repeat offenders, many call asking for a payment plan after Mary discusses attorney/tax sale. MAIN CHANGE: IF A TAX PAYER HAS HAD A PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT IN THE PAST AND DID NOT SUCCESSFULLY MEET THAT OBLIGATION, A NEW PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT WILL NOT BE MADE.
- #5 Small claims court complaint will be filed at less than \$1000 rather than less than \$500

due to only being allowed to collect 15% of amount of taxes due towards lawyer fees.

All changes fit in statute. Close to state recommendation.

4. WARRANTS FOR PAYROLL AND PAYABLES  
PAYROLL

- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 6/10/17 payroll in the amount of \$1979.61, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 6/24/17 payroll in the amount of \$1794.15, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor.**

PAYABLES

- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 6/1/17- 6/3/17 payables warrant in the amount of \$39,062.82, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor. Noted: \$33, 271.11 in county taxes.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to ratify Turner's signature on the 7/5/17 payables warrant in the amount of \$7707.88, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor.**

5. MINUTES OF June 7, 2017

**Motion approved my Spaulding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor.**

6. DISCUSSION OF EXTERNAL CPA AUDIT ENGAGEMENT

- Stata circulated RFP draft from Grand Isle to go out to various CPA firms. On advice from council postponed transition audit from April due to the cost of hiring auditors & finding someone short term. Stata will contact David Angolano again about doing one last audit for the town.

7. Discussion/decision on setting tax rate

CATHY TUDHOPE

- COA- 94.66
- RESIDENTIAL- 1.6249
- NON-RESIDENTIAL- 1.6216

Local agreement (Voted contracts)- .0040

Municipal agreement- .03702

- **Motion by Spaulding to approve Local rate of .0040, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in favor.**
- **Motion by Spaulding to approve municipal rate of .03702, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All voted in Favor.**

Waiting on spreadsheet from State on town tax rates.

8. SPEED/TRAFFIC-Update

CATHY TUDHOPE

- Radar detector- \$1900.
- Programmable flashing light- \$2500.
- Shipping costs- \$500.

Most companies will give a time framed quote.

Order when possible, likely to be in place by August.

9. ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

TURNER- ABSENT.

JOHN YARATZ

- Culvert on Main St. has not been changed because there is standing water over existing telephone lines (main cable on both ends of culvert).

Start change if water dries out. If culvert looks like it may collapse, start a DETOUR. If water does not dry out, table new culvert until Fall.

- Pizza Shop – South neighbor planted trees at 22' of the 25' town right of way line.

Liability- Unable to see south to pull out. Possibly send a letter to ask to remove.

- Holes by Seawall (Bruska's)- Fill 7/6/17.

10. VENT WELLS AT OLD DUMP-Update

- Too wet to mow the cap or road leading up to. Cannot vent until drier weather.

11. MONTHLY BUDGET & BALANCE SHEET-Discussion

Discussion/decision re borrowing in anticipation of taxes

CATHY TUDHOPE

- Line of credit approved for \$85,000. Requested \$41,500 because of \$33,000 in county taxes. (Town owed approximately \$30,000 in delinquent taxes.)
- \$41,500 was requested with culvert construction included.

State auditor form- Moved to next month's meeting.

12. GENERATOR-Update

Listed on FPF, craigslist- \$5000. Spaulding will have price from Hodgkins (5800lbs. scrap) by next meeting.

13. CANNON-Update

None

14. REAPPRAISAL-Update

DEBBIE SPAULDING- Tom Vickery is on vacation next week. He will meet with Listers afterwards to go over where the sales data is leading.

15. Discussion on signage at entrance to Lighthouse RD to advise Light House is not open to public. Help eliminate additional traffic on road. Residents may be willing to help pay to keep traffic down.

- Resident on lighthouse road-- 'tourists' use their driveway for turnaround—asking for sign "no access, dead end, local traffic only, no outlet etc."
- John Yartz suggested removable sign for home owner to post for easier access of snow plow.

Research signage & price- Sarah Noble.

16. OTHER BUSINESS

DEBBIE SPAULDING- Unfriendly, intact chocolate lab down at Lakehurst Campground constantly- family and customers have tried to catch him. Formal complaint #1.

**There being no further business, Spaulding called for a motion to be adjourned at 5:55 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stata—All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Noble, Clerk of the Board.

Selectboard approved on:

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Steve Stata

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Rusty Spaulding

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Selby Turner

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