

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS  
MINUTES  
Monday, January 22, 2007 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Municipal Offices Building**

**Item 1.** Pat called the meeting to order. Also present was Karen Thompson, Christine Powers, Rick Paraschak, Dana Watson and Town Manager, Derik Goodine.

**Item 2. Review and approve the minutes of April 24, 2006; September 11, 2006, September 25, 2006; October 9, 2006, October 23, 2006, November 6, 2006, and November 20, 2006; December 4, 2006; and December 18, 2006; January 8, 2007 - None were available for review.**

**Item 3. Public Participation - None**

**Item 4. New Business**

**A. Bluesfest** – No representative at this time.

**B. Winter Carnival** – No representative at this time.

**Item 5. Old Business**

**A. Legion Land/ Recreation Facility/Exec Session** – Move to end of meeting.

**B. EcoMaine (RWS) Contract** – Kevin Roche, General Manager of EcoMaine was present. There was a discussion regarding EcoMaine's name change from RWS. Roche goes on to explain there is no sunset clause and contracts for member committees have been changed because EcoMaine the plant will be in operation beyond 2014. Roche pointed out that 1. Processing waste generates electricity (5 million dollars a year/ 15,000 homes depending on how many kilowatts each family uses). 2. A magnet recovers metal from the ash and garbage. 3. Reduction of waste mass is about 90% so that you don't have a huge mountain of garbage. They also have emission cleaning system and scrubbers. Also, the systems reduces the waste into ash form. Roche explained that the new contract that Naples is being offered is similar to the old one except for the term of the agreement (20 years) and the rate (\$70 for the first year). Roche also mentioned single stream recycling.

Mr. Paraschak asked if single stream recycling all goes into one bin to make it easier for residents. Roche stated that it was, and EcoMaine would do the separating on their end. Studies have shown if you make the separation easier, then more people will participate. He encouraged Naples to look into single stream recycling since he thinks it will save the town money.

Mrs. Powers asked if there was a trend in the CPI index...is there an average. Roche stated about 3%. He added that the contract caps any increase in one year at 7%.

Rick Paraschak – asked about the capital cost at the plant. Roche stated they have hired independent consultants to look at the rate schedule, he asked the Board to refer to the EcoMaine handbook. He feels capital costs are in under control, and they have been putting money into a reserve.

Town Manager asked Roche what he sees on the horizon for rates. Kevin says they will probably follow the 3-year pattern; it's hard to say right now where the rates will go. Roche also stated that EcoMaine doesn't get the same complaints as some other incinerator plants about bad smells or truck traffic because of the location of the plant and the types of technology. He added that the ash only needs to be trucked 2.5 miles down the road to the landfill, and there is quite a bit of buffer around their landfill area.

There is a discussion about the resale of the electricity. Roche explained it goes into the grid but is sold to the highest bidder, then the bidder sells it.

There is discussion regarding landfills and the release of gases at landfills. Roche explained there are regulations that control this.

Tony Longley asked what would happen to the silver bullets if the town went to single stream recycling. Would the town have to retool the facility? Roche explained that the towns could keep the silver bullets if they you wanted to, and the only thing EcoMaine is offering is the opportunity to utilize single stream recycling.

The Board thanked Roche for his presentation.

**C. CDBG Update** – Town Manager stated that deadline for grants was coming up. He wasn't sure if the Causeway Engineering project would be successful or not, and he believed that a 10% match, which would be \$40,000 would be required. He stated that he hasn't had an answer whether or not Naples was LMI or not. He stated that given the condition of the sidewalks that we could be considered slum & blight under the failing infrastructure definition. Town Manager stated that the estimates he received for engineering are between \$200-\$300,000. Paraschak stated he thinks the \$300,000 price is extremely high.

**D. RT 302 Bridge Update** – Town Manager explained he will be talking to the MDOT Commissioner this week. MDOT has filled in the boring holes, so now we can't see the void under the Causeway. Rich Cebra is talking to MDOT Commissioner on Thursday.

**E. Singer Community Center/Grange** - No update from the Town Manager at this time. Mrs. Tux was present and stated her concern over the condition of the Grange when she went to use it. Apparently, Recreation department had left items in the way, and she had to move them before her meeting.

Mrs. Tux stated her concern over the future use of the Grange. She explained that the Naples Grange 94 is growing and wants to make sure the organization is protected and will not lose their right to use the Grange Hall. Mrs. Tux was also concerned over not being able to use both floors of the facility.

Another member of the grange stated she heard another recreation program wanted to use the facility as well. The Board stated they have not heard of this. Mr. McGowan outlined the purchase and sale agreement as written. Mrs. Powers explained that the Town does not have the money at this point to fix the second story of the building, and we must take baby-steps on this project. Town Manager explained the Town is blocking off the upstairs because the Town cannot afford to fix it at this time. There was also discussion regarding fundraising to help raise money for repairs. There was some discussion regarding moving the pool table or designing a cover to utilize it as a table.

**F. Reminder of Meeting on January 29 Ordinance Workshop** - Town Manager reminded the Board about this meeting.

## 6. Tabled Items

- A. **Overnight Parking** – *To be addressed at the Ordinance Workshop.*
- B. **Code of Ethics/ Board By-Laws Action ORC Meeting**
- C. **Lakehouse Road Discontinuance** - nothing new at this time
- D. **Banner Hook Policy** – Paraschak stated he went to the State Archives – the report stated the MDOT does not recommend putting banners over the roads – if a Town does this, then they should follow the guidelines set forth. He mentioned that the fire department putting up the banners, and he stated that no one has asked the Fire Department if they would do it and also stated that there may be liability involved and thus we would need to check liability to make sure we are covered if this was ever done.
- E. **Causeway Sheriff** -none

7. **Manager's Report** – None at this time.

## 8. Consent Items

- A. **Correspondence** – Town Manager needed a signature from Dana Watson for the bond paperwork for the sand shed that wasn't included in the original paperwork.
- B. **Quit Claim Deed** – Town Manager needed the Board's signatures as a lien was paid. Mrs. Powers made the motion to approve the Quit Claim Deed. Rick seconded it. All were in favor.

## 9. Other Business as Appropriate –

- A. Town Manger mentioned a thank you letter from the staff for lunch.
- B. Town Manager stated he has received the quote from Engineering Dynamics for **Walter Hill Road**. The total price is \$2,900. Motion made by Paraschak to approve the contract. Seconded by Karen Thompson. All were in favor.

## 10. Executive Sessions

- A. **Chaplin Trust Applications** – Nothing at this time.
- B. **Manager Review** – Nothing at this time.

McGowan mentioned a conversation he had with Harvey Price, Rec. Director. McGowan was under the assumption that the gym was to be used for Naples sponsored events only. Paraschak wanted to be sure Harvey understood the rules and regulations surrounding dances.

**11. Payroll and Payables** -Selectboard signed the payables.

**12. Adjourn Meeting** - Watson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Powers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Derik Goodine  
Town Manager