

Submitted by:

TOWN OF PHIPPSBURG  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Approved by Selectmen:

John M. Young  
Administrator

MINUTES  
April 16, 2008

*Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Perkins, Pye and Douglass in attendance.*

**I. Review and Sign:**

1. Accounts payable and payroll warrants.
2. Review and sign Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

**All items reviewed and signed**

**II. Meetings and Hearings:**

1. Meet with Road Commissioner Doughty to discuss removing the heavyweight vehicle road restrictions (un-posting the town roads).  
**Upon the recommendation of Road Commissioner Doughty the Selectmen voted (3-0) to remove the heavyweight road restriction on all Town roads with the exception of the Basin Road. They also authorized Mr. Doughty to remove the restriction on the Basin Road when he felt it would no longer be damaged.**
2. Meet with Jennie Bichrest (Purse Line Bait) concerning a violation of the Heavyweight Vehicle Ordinance (Posted Roads)  
**Ms. Bichrest explained that one of her contractors was supposed to have stopped to be partially offloaded before driving on Sebasco Road. He failed to do that and drove straight to Purse Line Bait. She had voluntarily notified Administrator Young of the violation. Selectmen voted (3-0) to assess a consensual fine of \$250.00.**
3. Consider a violation of the Heavyweight Vehicle Ordinance (Posted Roads) by Hatch Brothers Company.  
**The driver of a Hatch Brothers' car carrier had backed onto the Mill Road in Winnegance to offload a car to a new resident. He caused an estimated \$300.00 in damage to the dirt road. Chief Skroski reported that later that night the driver had fallen off the truck at a rest area and was in critical condition at the hospital. Selectmen voted (3-0) to assess a consensual fine of \$300.00 to cover the costs of road repair.**
4. Consider a violation of the Heavyweight Vehicle Ordinance (Posted Roads) by Ed Skillin, Inc.  
**Road Commissioner Doughty had observed a truck and trailer owned by Ed Skillin, Inc. carrying a load of hay on Clifford Road. The Skillin's maintained that they were exempt because the Town could not stop them**

from providing food for their livestock. Administrator Young explained that he had contacted Peter Coughlin from the State DOT and was told that under the State Heavyweight Vehicle regulations a vehicle providing feed for farm animals may receive a partial load exemption as long as they apply for it (the vehicle is not automatically fully exempted). He added that the Town's Ordinance follows the same regulations and that Mr. Skillin should have applied for an exemption.

The Selectmen explained to Mr. Skillin that if he had notified the Town they would have worked with him to insure that he was able to get feed to his livestock without violating the ordinance.

Selectman Pye recommended a fine of \$250.00 which passed by a vote of 3-0.

### **III. Unfinished Business**

1. Review and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Selectman Douglass explained that Fire Chief Totman and Rescue Chief Jones were having problems finding trained volunteers to provide ambulance coverage over the summer. They were considering hiring several full time ambulance personnel for the summer months and funding it out of the Rescue Responder account. Selectmen voted (3-0) to approve the Town Meeting Warrant as written. Selectman Douglass also provided an update on the County Budget.

### **IV. Selectmen/Administrator Comments and Announcements**

1. Administrator Young

Administrator Young announced upcoming meetings and events

2. Selectman Douglass

Selectman Douglass mentioned the possibility of obtaining compost bins to sell at the Transfer Station.

### **V. Public Forum**

1. Police Chief Skroski

Chief Skroski mentioned the new seat belt law and added that it is now a primary violation and many departments have grant money to fund increased enforcement.

### **VI. Adjournment - Selectmen voted (3-0) to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.**