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Attendance: First Selectman Stahl, Selectman Wade

First Selectman Stahl called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Bethany Town Hall. The first order of business was check signing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of August 27, 2001 was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of Selectman Briggs. Selectman Briggs was present at the meeting of August 27, 2001, however Selectman Wade had been absent from that meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Selectmen acknowledged correspondence received by all Selectmen from Wilbert Vault Company. First Selectman Stahl has sent a reply to this letter which he shared with the Selectmen.

The Selectmen also reviewed a letter received from Robert Mansfield of Blair Associates. This letter contained information regarding the drainage system for the proposed Musto subdivision. The engineering for this subdivision has been done by John Paul Garcia. Individual curtain drains would tie into the Town's storm drain system. If accepted this design would start a whole new precedence. The Selectmen discussed the possibility that if storm drains were to back up it could flood basements of homes in this subdivision. It is also possible that hazardous drainage from cellars could get into the storm drain system, i.e. fuel oil. The Selectmen agreed that modifications to the design would have to be made before the Town could accept the plan.

CENTER FIRE STATION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Selectmen discussed establishment of a Center Fire Station Study Committee. Following discussion Selectman Wade moved a motion to accept the following charge for the Committee and appoint the following individuals to this committee. First Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

I. Charge:

1. Explore possible municipal uses for the Center Fire Station and make recommendations of potential utilization of the property.
2. Survey the condition of the property and propose improvements necessary to adapt the property to the proposed use or uses.

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3. Determine a timetable for such improvements and present cost estimates for each phase of this work.

II. Time frame:

1. Make a preliminary report to the First Selectman by September 24, 2001 indicating the methodology selected by the Committee for the study.
2. Present a brief interim report to the Board of Selectmen at their special meeting scheduled for Wednesday October 24, 2001, detailing progress made to date.
3. Submit a final report to the Board of Selectmen at their regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 2001.

Appointed Members:

John Paul Garcia, Chairman

Tim Haag

Jim Andreson

Linwood Schulte

Betsy Thornquest

TAX REFUNDS

Selectman Wade moved a motion to refund to Caltha Crowe the sum of \$65.80, to James Roman the sum of \$91.50, to Natalie Kolos the sum of \$6.43, to Russell Winter the sum of \$30.60, to Scott Davis the sum of \$69.16, to Stuart Saslafsky the sum of \$37.95, to Susan Cowan the sum of \$38.56, to Dennis Chapman the sum of \$6.00, to Elma Dunn the sum of \$1,594.57, to Artin Kazanjian the sum of \$166.46, to Curtis Tapp the sum of \$37.94, to Kenneth Barrett the sum of \$104.11 and to Thomas Neal the sum of \$49.88 all for overpayment of taxes. First Selectman Stahl seconded the motion. The vote taken was unanimous.

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET DEFICIT

The Selectmen discussed the budget deficit for fiscal year 2000-01 for the Amity Regional School system. There is a shortfall to this budget of \$1,100,000. It is estimated that the shortfall for fiscal year 2001-02 could run as high as \$1,200,000. In fiscal year 2000-01 the system had received a 9% increase in budget, and in fiscal year 2001-02 the increase was 6.3%. A special tax if imposed would cost the tax payers of Bethany an additional 3-4% charge over the taxes already paid by them. Many more meeting will take place before a decision will be made.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was called at 8:10 P.M. after a motion was moved by Selectman Wade and seconded by Selectman Stahl.

Respectfully submitted,

June G. Riley
Secretary, Board of Selectmen