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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Brian Doerpholz, Chairman; Martin Nolan; Nancy Carney

Guests: Dana Pinney, Mike Piquette; Thomas Rothermel; Suzanne Gray

Also Present: Debbie Favreau, Town Administrator; Shannon Lucas, Secretary
Call to Order

1. Mr. Doerpholz called the meeting to order at 6 pm

Public Comment:

1. none

Public Hearing:

1. none

Appointments

1. none

Consent Agenda –

1. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Carney seconded, motion carried 3-0;
2. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to approve the minutes from previous meeting, Ms. Carney seconded; motion carried 2-0 with Mr. Nolan abstaining

New Business

1. Budget Work
 - a. continue review of submitted budgets
 - i. want more information on the cost and practicality of additional electric work in storage container units for the Highway Dept.
 - ii. recommending electric baseboard heat supplement for Mary's office
 - iii. Public Safety/Police budget discussion
 1. Step increases and on-call increase from 5k to 10k warrant discussion;
 - a. budget approved
 - iv. Ambulance
 1. Questioning amount requested for payroll, seems much higher than it needs to be
 - a. Recommending a reduction in the budget for per diem
 - b. Also recommending a reduction in the budget for part-timers reduced to 16k from 18k

- v. Fire
 - 1. Recommend increase equipment maintenance and repair budget
 - vi. DPW/Highway
 - 1. Budget discussions ongoing
 - vii. Solid Waste
 - 1. After initial review with DPW director adjusted budget to \$167,549
 - viii. Animal Control
 - 1. no increases in budget for several years
 - a. rent major increase
 - b. recommending \$15,000
 - ix. Parks and Rec
 - 1. Budget approved for \$40,252 which includes a \$10,000 contribution to Beyond Summer Program
 - x. Library
 - 1. Majority of increase is two full-time personnel up from one
 - 2. Overall budget up 18k, attempts made at trimming expenses
 - 3. Total town request is \$220,540
 - xi. Conservation
 - 1. Budget approved for \$8,261
- b. Discuss mileage reimbursement rate
 - i. Mr. Doerpholz made motion to accept new rate, Ms. Carney 2nd the motion, motion passed 3-0
 - c. Review veteran's exemption application
 - i. Mr. Nolan made motion to accept the exemption application Ms. Carney 2nd the motion; motion passed 3-0
 - d. Discuss request for use of ARPA funds

Continued Business

- 1.

Other Business – Information Only

- 1.

Non-Public Session - RSA 91-A:3 II a (personnel)

At 6:55 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz moved to go into non-public session ; Mr. Nolan seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0

- 1. At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz moved to go back to public session ; Ms. Carney seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0 Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz -yes, Mr. Nolan - yes, Ms. Carney – yes

Adjournment

- Mr. Doerpholz moved to adjourn the meeting at 755 p.m.; Mr. Nolan 2nd seconded; motion passed 3-0

Submitted by:

Brian Doerpholz, Chairman

Shannon Godby Lucas, secretary

Martin Nolan

Nancy Carney
Board of Selectmen

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