

## Selectman's Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

5:30 PM

### Irving Tanning Community Center

**Present:** Jerry Martin, John Hikel and Mark Brooks

**Staff:** Christopher Littlefield

**Guest:** Jon Pottle of Eaton Peabody for Towle Case

**Several Citizens**

Mark Brooks read the minutes of October 21, 2024 voted to accept 3-0

Note: November 4, 2024 was cancelled

Motion to go into executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) to discuss the Board of Selectmen's legal rights and duties with regard to the Towle case with the Town's Attorney voted 3-0 accept

Motion to come out of executive session per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E) at 6:49 p.m., return to public, and take no action at this time voted 3-0 accept

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Chris updated the public on the regeneration problem with the engine on the new Doppstadt which has been down for a few weeks now. Crew scheduled to be on site tomorrow to fix the issue

#### **New Business:**

Motion to fund the Baxter (Pos 200) at \$1283.83 per month per employee that receives health insurance

Paid Family Medical Leave that requires Employers and/or employees to pay 1% of total gross pay to the state to fund the program. Based on 2023/2024 staff count, Gross Payroll for 2024, payments start 2025 and no one can draw until 2026. Tabled to gather more data at Training coming up December 12, 2024.

Shared Proposal from RCS Assessment from Hermon, ME to do a revaluation of the Town. Price submitted was \$245,000. Chris stated that we needed to consider how to fund the project.

Shared a letter from Tyler Technologies of Moraine, Ohio that they weren't going to bid on the revaluation

Motion to sign the Engagement Letter with Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates for the June 30, 2024 Audit voted 3-0 accept

Signed Auditors agreement for \$12,800 for the June 30, 2024 Audit.

Selectmen initialed the Expense Summary Report for October

#### **Other**

Tabitha Greenwood updated the public on the First Annual Christmas Parade which will be December 14, 2024 starting at Cal's Way and ending at the ITCC. Parade start time is 5:00 p.m. (All are encouraged to come say "HI" to Santa)

Chris shared the update on legal fees for the Towle case as of October 31, 2024 for \$27,677.90

Selectmen signed the Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Plan signature page

#### **Public Forum (Agenda Items Only)**

Margaret Greenburg asked if Chris was going to call around and get more prices on the revaluation as we only got one bid?

Chris stated that the project was put out to bid on the Maine Municipal Association website and on the Town's website and we only received one bid and one denial.

Margaret Greenburg feels we should check prices by calling around and that it may be a conflict of interest for the Town's Assessor to do the revaluation.

Mark Brooks stated that it is interesting that we are criticized when we call for prices by Margaret and when we put it out to bid Margaret criticizes us.

Kevin Greenwood schooled Margaret Greenburg about the bid process stating that if it went out to bid publicly and no one bid that chances are other firms have enough work.

Margaret Greenburg stated that no one else bid because of Hartland's reputation of not bidding.

Donna Greenwood stated that you are going to criticize him no matter what he does.

Margaret Greenburg said "who is he"?

Donna Greenwood stated Chris Littlefield

Stacey Halford stated that the price sounds in line with what other communities are paying.

George Greenwood stated that the Town put the project out to bid and Mr. Littlefield should be spending his time doing something more productive than making calls after the fact.

Signed Warrants

Motion to adjourn 7:43 p.m. voted 3-0 accept

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Littlefield

Approved