

# Mt. Vernon Select Board Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

1997 North Road, Mt Vernon, ME 04352

**Board Members Present:** Paul Crockett (Chair), Anna Libby, Robert Grenier

**Support Staff & Guests:** Alice Counts (Administrative Assistant), Mark Gilbert (Ch 7), Kerry Casey (Treasurer)

**Guests via Zoom:** Bill Rosenburg, Chuck Wright

## Select Board Members Signed Weekly Warrant (6:30-7:00)

### Meeting Called to Order

- SB Meeting was Called to Order by SB Crockett at 7:00pm

### Meeting Minutes of 01-03-2022

- Motion by SB Libby to accept the meeting minutes, 2nd by SB Grenier. Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

### Broadband Committee

- Received Bids from Axiom, Matrix and Spectrum
- Coalition Meeting on January 27, 2022
- If Mount Vernon was asked to join inter-local agreement, the town would want the same deal offers to the other members.
- The Committee wants a Trio Extraction of addresses, tax payments, etc of all registered voters
- The Red Zone is a wireless option, however it is still dependent on fiber optics and each tower will have its own generator.
- Treasurer Casey mentioned that the Town of Vienna is working on an article to get town money voted in for Broadband.
- Bill Rosenburg would like to offer up \$500 to other towns to pay part of consulting fees for the evaluation.
- MVBBS request authority to spend up to \$5k of \$6150 balance currently on the books(\$7650 was previously approved less \$1600 approved for postcard mailing) to participate in RZ's proposed next step. Since this amount is covered in a previous vote by the SB, there was no further action that needed to take place.

### Admin Budget Update

- Need budget updates from all Departments
- Need to look at Computer Updates, Security Cameras for Town Hall, Propane usage for Transfer Station Swap Shop now that it is open.

### TRIO

- The Town needs to sign two contracts in order to reinstate Budgetary.
- SB Grenier motioned to accept and sign the TRIO contract for the Budgetary Module and Upgrade to Web Version for a total of 6221.85 to be taken from Contingency Funds. 2<sup>nd</sup> by SB Libby. Motion Carried, Vote was 3-0. **PASS**
- There are 3 steps for the TRIO integration as follows:
  - SQL – which the Town is currently using
  - Web Interface – which the Town has now signed a contract with Harris Computer.

- Hosted version – this is the final goal
- Treasurer accounts need to be mapped from Peachtree to TRIO.

## **Other Business**

- Treasurer Casey had an email from Jennifer@MMAUniversity, inquiring if anyone should replace Alex Wright and Mac Hardy on the MMA University. It was decided to take Alex and Mac off the list for now and SB Libby will reach out to Jennifer for more information.
- Newsletter – the Select Board decided to combine the February/March newsletter since Admin Asst, Alice Counts will be on vacation until mid February.
- RHR Smith auditors did not audit the Town last year. The 2019 audit results were incorrectly inserted into the 2020 Report. So the auditors are auditing both 2020 and 2021 at this time. Treasurer Casey indicated that she has submitted data for both audit years recently.
- FEMA – after 5 years, is now asking for proof by way of canceled checks, that the Town actually spent the funds as were indicated.
- Handyman – idea was floated to possibly add a 40 hour, full time, position to perform tasks such as offroad plowing, extra mowing. The library has requested additional mowing. This could also be a contract job, but it was felt that we would first need to have a Town Manager before this would be feasible.

## **Adjourn**

- Motion by SB Libby to Adjourn at 8:28, 2nd by SB Grenier, Motion Carried. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**