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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 03-16-2020

Members Present: Trish Jackson, Clyde Dyar, Paul Crockett (Chair)

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, Jason Beckler, Mac Hardy, Dana Dunn, Jason Beckler, Alice Olson, Pat Rawson, Heather Wheeler, Racheal, and Charlie Meader

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order: 7:00 pm
3. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
4. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 03/02/2020

Motion to accept the minutes by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

FY 20-21 Budget Excel worksheet, Discussion

Crockett mentioned Readfield Trono about using them for their waste solutions, also allowing them to bid for the upcoming contract. Wright mentioned the Waste Management hold price is a 6% increase. A price for a sign for Town Hall, similar to Belgrade sign. Jackson asked about Sherene's email about the budget process. Crockett mentioned he would like to revisit later. Crockett will revisit the cable issue.

Municipal Contracts

Wright presented to the board three printer, postage meter quotes and a joint municipal/RSU fuel bid contract. Crockett mentioned he will reach out to wright with his quotes. Dyar mentioned that with the decrease in oil prices that we should look at other options to get a discount on fuel. The Selectboard requested wright to look for other prices for fuel.

COVID-19, Discussion

Crockett talked to the public about upcoming events including to change the law for Public Access, so to call in or video conference. Crockett asked Alice Olson what the library is doing for the library to prepare for COVID-19. Alice Olson spoke about closing the library to the public and ways to continue to serve the public in a limited way. Beckler asked is there is a way to prevent exposure. Olson spoke about a procedure for them to use by cleaning books and other surfaces. Dan Onion spoke about how the time for fomites of COVID19 is half of 3 days for most surfaces. The library said will close to the public. Dana Dunn mentioned his concerns about the employees to continue working in the facility. Olson mentioned how there should be a limited amount of staff, serving off hours. Town Hall, Racheal Meader spoke about how we should close, Town Hall. Crockett asked about paying taxes. Meader talked about having the public mail in their tax bill and new registration. Dana Dunn mentioned no public will not use the fire building. The Selectboard is in favor of closing the Community Center and all events. Transfer Station, the swap shop will be closed but the transfer station will continue to be open. Onion asked when and where we are going to have the Selectboard meeting. Crockett said the Selectboard will now meet at the community center till further notice.

Dyar asked if we could forward the phone to the homes on the Clerk and Deputy. Clerks said they don't have internet.

Pat Rawson talked about her search for PPE equipment including substitutes. Along with trying to acquire grant money provided by Wright. Jason Beckler mentioned he is also looking at vendors for PPE equipment along with sanitizer.

Homestead Exemption refund, Discussion

Wright mentioned Roger Peppard has been working with the state to resolve citizens' concerns.

Executive Session pursuant 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)

Other Business

At the beginning of the meeting, the Selectboard wished Dana Dunn and Racheal Meader Happy Birthday.

Dana Dunn talked to the Selectboard, about the FEMA budget and waiting to hear from the Selectboard about the account for Fire Department. \$31,000 turnout gear but they need to take it out of the capital fund and transfer it to turnout gear purchase. Beckler mentioned how some of the gear is 25 years old and the warranty is 10 years. The radiator will be covered by offsets in their budget.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Trish to transfer the money from the Fire Department capital account to the Turnout gear account to pay for a \$31,000 invoice.

Motion passed: unanimous

Crockett mentioned he talked to the Off-Road contractor about snow plowing concerns. Dyar does not wish to renew the contract with the same contractor.

Dyar presented to the Selectboard articles of incorporation from Massachusetts

Motion by Crockett to accept Mt Vernon Charter copy donation by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

Dyar mentioned that he would like a letter to be sent to the County Corrections for their work on the Town Hall. Dyar further mentioned about how other departments want to use the group as well.

5. Adjournment: 7:45 pm

Motion by Jackson seconded by Dyar to adjourn

Motion passed: unanimous