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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 05-11-2020

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey, Mac Hardy, Shareen Gilman, Katie Farrin

Signed Warrant.

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

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 04/27/2020

Motion to accept the minutes by Crockett seconded by Dyar

Motion passed: unanimous

Café Liquor License

Motion by Dyar seconded to accept the Olde Post Office Café, note, hearing no complaints

Motion passed: unanimous

FY 20-21 Joint Budget session with Budget Committee

Katie Farrin presented the Budget Committee report and budget to the Selectboard. Farrin started with presenting their ideas of Revenue Projects, siting concerns of the effects of COVID19. Continuing their cautious approach to formulating their proposed budget for the FY20-21.

Admin Budget, they did not go across the board with increases. Reducing the Selectboard pay by 500 due to the increased responsibilities of Office Coordinator. Tax Collector, Deputy Clerk, and Clerk; Clerk: \$20*52 for 32hrs per week. Deputy Clerk: \$15*52 for 20hrs a week. Treasurer: \$21*52 for 18hrs a week. Office Coordinator: \$17*52 25hrs a week. Farrin made a note of some items out of our control. Proposed items: Hygrade business group. Increasing security, replacing the Clerk's doors, along with replacing the glass with shatterproof glass along with security cameras. Other office equipment, with the

intention of voting machines, their printers, and Clerk related equipment. GA budget increased by 1K. Road Budget, they wanted to leave the Road budget the same from the previous year. Fire and Rescue increases requested by the Fire and Rescue the budget committee found most items appropriate. Incorporated the petitions into the budget. Public Access TV, the budget committee found they wouldn't need to require an increase. Library, Budget committee found salary increases not attainable this year for the librarians.

Crockett asked wright to talk to Troiano further about their services. Crockett also talked about replacing the sign in front of the town hall with an electric sign.

Gilman spoke about the process the Budget Committee went through formulating its budget. Mentioning, the individual roles each of the budget committee members played. The Budget Committee mentioned their concern about COVID19 and the number of uneasy positions many of our residents are in as a result of COVID19.

Dyar mentioned he is hoping they are legislature will go back into session and we are will be able to get more numbers. Crockett mentioned he is concerned about some of the cuts are done by cutting salary positions. Hardy, said their justifications are based that the residents of Mt Vernon from COVID19 will be taking the most of the burden.

Wright spoke more about the RSU38 budget and they will be finalizing the budget at the next school board meeting. Wright mentioned his personal goal is to 0 out the budget.

Crockett asked Dyar about the county budget, Dyar mentioned they are still working on the county budget, will update soon about what to plan for.

Shareen Gilman, about a proposed warrant article for continue some department's budget for future usage. Gilman also asked, why cant in the Town of Mt Vernon, register your boat or game.

Reopening Town Hall

Jackson asked Casey if opening a town hall would be a good idea. Casey mentioned it would be a good idea to slowly reopen with PPE requirements. The Selectboard agreed, Dyar mentioned tabling it to the next meeting. Crockett, asked the question about what will happen if the Clerks refuse to go back to work, what would happen? Jackson mentioned this will be our new normal with COVID19 for the foreseeable future. Jackson, mentioned in her readings of the new rules allows the Selectboard to distinguish what is essential and if the Selectboard determines a position essential they will have to work. Jackson continued to mention that if an employee has COVID19 we have to pay them for two weeks, otherwise it would be two weeks of unpaid leave.

Tabled to next meeting

Postage meter lease

Tabled to next meeting

Other Business

Motion by Dyar seconded by Jackson to accept the Ratio Declaration, Certification based on .1755 mills.

Motion passed: unanimous.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson for Chair to sign printer contract

Motion passed: unanimous

Motion by Dyar seconded Jackson to accept Harris Contract for TRIO Web for \$3675.00 and annual maintenance \$200.00.

Motion passed: unanimous

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson to accept the RJD contract

Motion passed: unanimous

Motion by Jackson sensed by Crockett to have the chair sign the AARP grant for the Community Center.

Motion passed: unanimous

Dyar spoke about having a parade and have it all put together and ready to go. Beach, Jackson, proposes to have the beach closed, she proposes to have it tabled for next meeting. Elections, Jackson, we should be looking at new poll people because the current group is a high-risk group. Dyar wants to wait. Jackson proposed having the annual meeting outside instead of having it in the Mt Vernon elementary gym. Crockett mentioned maybe Camp Loural may not open and have the possibility of having it somewhere at Camp Loural. Dyar mentioned we should try to look at options for the annual town hall meeting. Dyar mentioned how Belgrade is having public hearings and ballot voting for their annual town meeting. Crockett mention she would vote for that. Jackson suggests we try to have it outside and not in a room.

Wright asked Crockett to create a zoom account. Dyar mentioned how this may be the future and necessary. Crockett agreed and will set up the account.

Wright mentioned replacing the printer in the Selectboard room, Crockett thinks it doesn't need replacing.

Crockett mentioned a complaint by a citizen was sent to the Selectboard, the Selectboard will address it with the appropriate person. Dyar suggests a complaint be addressed with the transfer station manager. Crockett mentioned the citizen who sent the complaint has a history with the Transfer Station manager. Dyar continued that the Selectboard works for the residents of Mt Vernon and it needs to be addressed.

Dyar mentioned a contract from one of the abatements recipients. Dyar is requesting the Selectboard let him draw up the contract to present to the Selectboard at a later date.

Dyar, discussed a rat situation, presenting there may be a health issue. Crockett mentioned everyone has food. Dyar went further to say it's a problem and could be a health issue.

4. Adjournment: 8:00 pm

Motion to adjourn by Jackson seconded by Crockett

Motion passed: unanimous