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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 05-25-2020

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Kerry Casey

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 05/11/2020

Motion to accept the minutes by Dyar seconded by Jackson

Motion passed: unanimous

FY 20-21 Budget session

Motion by Crockett, payroll will be paid at the current rate until the new budget is established, any difference in pay will receive retroactive pay seconded by Jackson.

Motion passed: unanimous

Crockett spoke about his conversation with the deputy Clerks about changing their pay to hourly. Also adding paid x days into their total budget. Dyar mentioned there may be an unintended consequence by allowing this for this position, we might have to calculate it for the rest of the hourly positions. Crockett agreed. Crockett discussed the differences between the budget committee budget and the default list. Jackson agreed that there was good reasoning for the budget committees to reduce the hours and pay for the deputy clerk. Crockett asked about what we should start the position out? Jackson responded about the qualifications required for a position to correspond to the pay. Clerks position keeping the same pay and hours. Crockett mentioned keeping the pay at \$17 for the deputy Clerk, 20hrs per week, Selectboard agreed. The following is a summarized discussion of the budget:

- Selectboard stipend: keeping the same
- Selectboard Chair: keeping the same
- GA: \$900, separating in the warrant article to say “GA Administrator”
- Treasurer: 18hr at \$23.00
- Administrative Assistant: 25hrs at \$18.00
- Ballot Clerks: \$12.50
- Remove newsletter
- Wardens: \$13
- Cleaning and Charlie: \$15
- Lawn: \$15.90 pay equipment state rate capping at Bob Grenier proposed budget.
- Accept Fire department proposed budget, adjustment for an error corrected by Kerry.
- Add to article 7 under Protection and Health to differentiate in the warrant ACO line for salary.
- CEO Article 5.8 to say \$16,004 then 5.9 to \$17,739
- Roads, Keep Bean Rd separate article and keep budget the same as last year.
- Transfer Station, attendings \$12.50 Manager: same.
- Move forward with the Library's suggested amount.
- Community Center, raise to \$8,000
- Athletic: carry a balance
- Beach carry balance
- Public access: carry a balance
- All else accept Budget committee/ department budget proposals.

Dyar wants to institute a policy of a games ban on all town computers.

Selectboard reviewed and edited a proposed warrant article by the Budget Committee and the Treasurer.

Selectboard, discuss some of the petitions including the petition for a Town Administrator.

Reopening Town Hall, Rural Reopening Plan

Crockett asked for the update about reopening Town Hall, Wright responded that he had a discussion with the Clerks and mentioned they require more PPE equipment. Wright continued about how he is going to order some and should be at Townhall within a week.

Beach Reopening, Discussion

Beach is closed, move docks away. Sign for the beach: closed

Other Business

Dyar mentioned about an abatement setting sending a letter instead of a contract. Dyar wants the minutes to refer to draft a letter for a poverty abatement.

Dyar continued that he was disappointed that we haven't seized on the opportunity to get an oil contract when prices were low. Wright responded that the oil companies weren't interested in signing long term contracts at that time and they usually start fixed pricing around late May. Crockett understood why oil companies would want to give contracts at that time.

Motion by Crockett accept Clyde Dyar resignation letter with regret seconded by Jackson
Motion passed: 2/3

4. Adjournment: 9:15 pm

Motion to adjourn by Jackson seconded by Crockett
Motion passed: unanimous