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Mt. Vernon Selectman's Minutes

Date: 11-25-2019

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

Members Absent:

Present: Alexander Wright, Mark Gilbert, and Kerry Casey

1. Signed Warrant.
2. Call to order: 7:02 pm
3. Additions/adjustments to the Agenda:
4. Action/Discussion/Informational Items

Open Regular Meeting and Accept Minutes from 11/11/19

Motion by Jackson seconded by Crockett to accept

Motion passed: Dyar Abstained

Horse-drawn Funeral Carriage Insurance, discussion

Continuation of the 11/11/19 Selectboard meeting, Quimby Robinson raised the question of taking an insurance policy for the Town of Mt Vernon Horse-drawn Funeral Herse on loan to the Vienna Historical Society. Wright mentioned it would cost the town \$54 to add to our insurance policy and \$80 annually according to MMA. Crockett mentioned he would not mind having it be incorporated into the insurance budget. The Selectboard concurred. Crockett asked Wright and Casey to have it put into the budget for this year.

Downeast employee benefit, discussion

Wright has been discussing with Downeast Energy to allow municipal employees to be given the town discounted rate for propane and diesel 2. Downeast has agreed to move forward. However, they would like a small initial list of employees, on the lines of full-time employees of the town to be qualified first. Crockett mentioned we don't officially have any full-time employees. Wright responded that it's relative to what we

would consider full time. Casey mentioned that Wright asked to develop a list of personnel that would qualify. Casey mentioned that the list would include personnel that is involved with the daily operations of the town. The Selectboard agreed to move forward.

Belgrade Rd Culvert, discussion

Dyar mentioned we need to do the culvert for the Belgrade rd., mentioning we may need to appropriate money at the June meeting. Dyar said he's working with Andy Dube to draw up some engineering blueprints. Crockett mentioned he wants the state to take over the engineering project. Dyar said that if the state took over the engineering, the plans may not be to the town's specifications. Dyar said it's a work in progress and will update at a later time.

Administration Budget, discussion

Casey talked about including FICA in employee salaries and or having a separate line item corresponding with the department, along with having it indicated for the annual budget. Casey also talked about the W-2 and the payroll and how she will not be able to run this in TRIO for this fiscal year. When working on the budget we will need to include the budgetary items on the idea wall to be in the budget discussions this year. Casey also mentioned adding to the list organizing insurance by departments. Crockett mentioned Casey's recommendation for the budget changes for the next fiscal year and to be updated in the future.

Abatements

Motion to sign the abatements recommended by the Town Assessor by Crockett seconded by Jackson.

Motion passed: unanimous

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

Other Business

Motion to accept the Nature Conservancy grant and have the Selectboard chair sign any corresponding contract when ready.

Motion: passed: unanimous.

5. Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Motion by Crockett seconded by Jackson to adjourn

Motion passed: unanimous