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TOWN CLERK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

Monday March 4, 2019

Present: Kenan Young, Kelly Allen, Julie Quink, John 'Leary of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, Cheryl Wolf, Chief James Ayotte, Sergeant Robert Toupin, and Officer Ryan Gentile

K. Young opened the meeting at 6:35 pm and read the agenda into record.

Attend Sewer Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.:

Joint meeting with Sewer Commissioners and USDA Rural Development:

To Recap the February 26, 2019 Meeting. Discuss the proposed feasibility Study Funded through USDA at 75% and the Town of Hardwick at 25% contribution and the Process to Holistically address the issues with the Gilbertville WWTP, Wheelwright WWTP and Sewer Line on Route 32A.

Recess: 6:15 pm

Return: 6:30pm

6:30 PM Joint Meeting with Finance Committee- FY2020 Budget Hearings:

-Highway Department: Marty Gryszowka presented his budget. K. Young asked for clarification on the difference of Town Roads and Highway General Expense, M. Gryszowka responded. J. Quink asked if Chapter 90 can be used. The Board had discussion on trend of this budget declining, T. Cofske looked back and it had been decreased for over 5 years. M. Gryszowka stated he is asking for a full-time position instead of the already budgeted part time position, he will be discussing with the Personnel Board. M. Gryszowka explained the full-time position will mow, plow and complete janitorial duties also. M. Gryszowka stated his budget is currently in deficit and he will not be able to complete projects for the next couple months.

-Recycling Center: T. Cofske stated last year a donation of \$10,000 was given to Recycling and allowed for them to open on Wednesdays she would like to be able to maintain that and that is the increase in the budget. She explained recycling was able to collect \$14,440 in fees last year and they are almost self-sustaining. Discussion was held on the increasing the user fees and T. Cofske stated it would be up to the Board and believes if the fees were increased to \$80 it could operate as an enterprise.

-Police Department: K. Young asked about the request for a new officer, Lt. Landine responded that New Braintree budget will pay for the new officer. K. Young asked how many cruisers are in the fleet, Chief Ayotte responded they have 7 total and 1 is going to be given to Highway. K. Young asked about the breakout of 9-1-1 calls verses calls for service, he stated he has reviewed the call logs and has less totals than they are given. Lt. Landine responded the system that creates the reports are from is the State Police dispatch and they are unable to sort or create specifics reports. Chief Ayotte gave examples of recent calls they responded to. Chief Ayotte presented budget and explained some of the increases are contractual. Discussion on the split budgets for Hardwick and New Braintree. F. Zukowski asked for clarification on the split budget and did not understand why some items were listed under Hardwick but will be paid for by New Braintree.

Review the Financial Articles Proposed for Special Town Meeting:

T. Cofske presented a spreadsheet with potential articles for Special Town Meeting to be held on March 21. Discussion was held on the overage of the Police and the request for more funding. Chief Ayotte explained the overtime is needed due to an officer being in the academy. He also explained they used funds out of their expense budget to cover the cost of the move to New Braintree. Discussion was held on replenishment of the reserve fund.

Appointment:

-WPCF Operator- Josh Prouty (Resignation)

Motion: Kelly Allen moved to accept the resignation of Josh Prouty

Second: Julie Quink

All in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

-Patrick McDonald-Complaint Against Police Department: Patrick McDonald introduces himself and described an incident that occurred on October 31 where he was assaulted on the street by a passerby, he also feels he is treated unfairly by the Police Department. He explained he is requesting charges be brought on the passerby of assault and battery on a senior and also assault and battery on the children that were present. He felt intimidated by the responding officer that day, Sgt. Toupin. He feels the officers have committed perjury and intimidation on him. He presented a public records request for info from the date of the incident, Lt. Landine accepted the public records request. Mr. McDonald stated he planned to file a lawsuit if the case is taken to a jury trial. K. Young stated the Board cannot do anything with a pending case.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

SIGNATURES/APPROVALS:

Fire Department: February 2019 (Monthly Incident Report)

MART Monthly Report – February 2019

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2019 and February 20, 2019

Motion: Kelly Allen moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2019

Second: Julie Quink

All in favor

Motion: Kelly Allen moved to approve but not for release the meeting minutes of January 22, 2019

Second: Julie Quink

All in favor


Adjournment

Motion: Kelly Allen moved to adjourn the meeting 8:19 p.m.

Second: Julie Quink

All in favor

Board of Selectmen


Kenan P. Young, Chairman


Kelly G. Allen


Julie M. Quink