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VERNON SELECTBOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018
REGULAR MEETING AND BUDGET WORK SESSION
6:30pm
DRAFT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Josh Unruh, Chair
Sandra Harris, Vice Chair
Stephen Skibniowsky, Clerk
Jeff Dunklee
Jean Carr

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michelle Pong, Town Administrator
Michelle Millerick, Secretary
Cindy Turnley, Treasurer
Kathy Walker Asst. Treasurer
Bronna Zlochiver, Library Trustee
Janis Pereira
John Lonardo III
Ruth Kibby, Library Trustee
Ellen Hardy, Library Trustee
David Walker, Road Commissioner
Todd Capen, Fire Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING:

Josh Unruh, Chair called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm, welcomed those present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Stephen Skibniowsky would like to add Pay as you throw bags to New Business.

CHAIRS REMARKS:

None

GUESTS:

None

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-Agenda items):

DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE REPORT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

SANDRA HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 27, 2017 WITH A CLERICAL CORRECTION (MISPELLED WORD AND NAME, PG 3 VOTE 3-2) STEPHEN SKIBNIOWSKY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Bills and Warrants

STEPHEN SKIBNIOWSKY MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORISE PAYMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING BILLS AND WARRANTS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018.

13 –T Accounts Payable - \$151,363.42

51S Payroll - \$13,120.21

52S Payroll - \$10,080.60

SANDRA HARRIS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Loader Bids** – 3 Bids were received, the Selectboard would like to get more information from one of the bids and will wait to make a decision until they get this.

b) **Selectboard Letter to Gov. Scott re: VY position** – The Selectboard wrote a letter to formally request the support from Gov. Scott for the Transfer of Entergy Vermont Yankee License to NorthStar.

SANDRA HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SIGN AND SEND THE LETTER AS CORRECTED TO GOV. SCOTT. JEAN CARR SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

c) **Windham Regional Commission Appointment – John Lonardo III** – John Lonardo III spoke to the Selectboard and requested to fill the vacancy for WRC.

SANDRA HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JOHN LONARDO III TO THE WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION. JEAN CARR SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

d) **Pay as you throw bags** – Cold Brook Store in Vernon would like to sell Pay as you throw bags, they don’t want a commission from this. The Selectboard agrees to let Cold Brook Store to sell the bags.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Cindy Turnley, Treasurer gave information that the Selectboard requested last week, GASB recommends having a fund balance of 15% of the general budget to be kept available and our Auditors said at the very least Vernon should start the fiscal year with enough money to cover 69 days' worth of the budget which is \$381,062.85. Cindy also did research on the EMS Fund which was set up in March 1990, in March 2011 Mike Ball allowed EMS fund to be used with the Select board's authorization, May 19, 2014 the Selectboard allowed this fund to be used for the purchase of a LifePak, there is \$101,567.64 in this fund and it can be used to buy the EMS LifePaks.

b) **Budget Review** – The Selectboard went over the entire budget page by page.

SANDRA HARRIS MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED. JEFF DUNKLEE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5 – 0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Media – None

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

VLCT announced an immediate opening on the PACIF Board of Directors. You can nominate a qualified colleague by submitting a nomination form.

The combination lock that was installed with the vault in May of 1971 has been problematic needs possible replacement or repair the cost will be between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00.

Pump problems at the Town Office, Cushing and Sons gave an estimate of between \$1,500.00 to \$2,200.00.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:

PUC Meeting – January 4, 2018 – 6:00pm, at BUHS Northstar at
Selectboard Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 6:30pm
Hemlock Road inspection and acceptance as Class 3 Highway –
January 17, 2018 – 5:45pm and **Public Hearing** at 6:20pm. In the Selectboard room at the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Michelle Millerick

Michelle Millerick, Secretary

