

**TOWN OF CASTLETON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2014  
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, R. Combs, J. Hale, R. Spaulding, T. Etori OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea

Meeting called to order a 7:20pm by Chairman, J. Bruno with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- DECEMBER 8, 2014**

MOTION: T. Etori made a motion to approve the minutes of Dec. 8, 2014 as presented, seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. So voted.

**WARRANTS FOR APPROVAL**

MOTION: R. Spaulding made a motion to approve warrants #1222R for \$3,525.25, # 1222 for \$105,722.97, #1220 for \$1,556,775.56, #1218 for \$6,783.55, #1211 for \$8,956.20, #1218P for \$14,564.45, #1211P for \$13,505.69. Seconded by T. Etori.

R. Combs asked about line item on page 2 of warrant #1222 to Trudo Construction for \$2,450.00, stating the project did not go out to BID.

J. Bruno states that the work was done and done very well so warrant needs to be paid. He also stated that the project probably came in under BID cost, but additional work was needed to complete correctly.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION**

All in favor. So voted.

**MOTION**

R. Spaulding made a motion to approve warrants # 1218.1P for \$565.00 and #1211.1P for \$565.00. seconded by T. Etori. All in favor. R. Combs abstained. So voted.

**RE-APPOINTMENT- DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICE**

MOTION- T. Etori made a motion to recommend J. Bruno for the position of Deputy Health Officer for 3 years beginning on January 1, 2015. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. So voted.

**REQUEST FOR TOWN LAND USAGE- CASTLETON LIONS CLUB**

MOTION- T. Etori made a motion to allow the Castleton Lion's Club to use Crystal Beach as the headquarters for the Lake Bomoseen Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 14 & 15, 2015. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. So voted.

**VAOT RTE 30 SOUTH - BRIDGE 93 REPLACEMENT- ALTERNATIVE ROUTES**

R. Combs was concerned about truck traffic on Sand Hill Rd due to the new paving and heavy

weight of trucks. J. Bruno stated that the State will place signs for redirecting traffic. M. Shea replied it will only be for about a month.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to use Rice-Willis Rd to Blissville Rd to Rte 4A as the alternative route during Bridge 93 construction. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

#### **CONTINUED FY 2015-16 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

M. Shea presented a slide show entailing department budget numbers. He asked Bd members to call him with any questions or concerns they had regarding the budget. He would like direction from the Board about how to best present the budget to the towns people at the Town Meeting.

J. Leamy remarked that he feels that the budget will not pass the first time with an 8% increase. He asked the Board if they would be voting on the budget at the next meeting.

J. Bruno replied that the board would not be voting at the next meeting and there were a lot of questions that needed to be asked and answered regarding the budget.

#### **REQUEST FOR FUNDING - THE BUS; VT. RURAL FIRE PROTECTION TASK FORCE**

MOTION: T. Ettori made a motion to allow THE BUS to be put on the ballot by petition for the 2015-2016 ballot to request \$3500.00. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

MOTION: T. Ettori made a motion to give the VT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM a \$100.00 for the 2015-16 ballot. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

#### **REQUEST FOR PETITION WAIVER-ARC RUTLAND AREA**

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to give RUTLAND ARC a 1 year waiver on the petition requirement to be put on the 2015-2016 ballot as an unbudgeted item for their request of \$3500.00. Seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. So voted.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

P. Graziano has a concern regarding the cost the town would take on if it were to give the Constables a town police vehicle and what will that include, gas, insurance, maintenance and that there will be a savings. J. Bruno that the town was paying the costs already.

J. Leamy asked if T. Kearns, a school board member, could give an update as to the budget for the schools.

T. Kearns replied that it would be about a 1.4% increase.

#### **MANAGER'S UPDATE**

J. Bruno did have a comment on the issue in #3 of the Manager's update. He wants clarification as to which town employees would be affected by the renaming of the Mileage line to a taxable "fuel reimbursement " line.

M. Combs stated she is not sure if the town could separate the reimbursements to "actual costs" and "practical rates". J. Bruno asked for some clarification on this.

**SELECT BOARD COMMENTS**

T. Ettori has a concern regarding the new Fire Station. He stated there was work happening on the roof that he would not do in the same manner. He did discuss this with Mr. Berryhill and

M. Berryhill did acknowledge that he did not notice that the work was not being done according to specs.

J. Bruno replied that this was not acceptable and that he will meet with Mr. Berryhill and T. Ettori to go over this.

J. Hale asked if there was any information regarding the generator situation. M. Shea stated that the Castleton Elementary School does own the generator.

J Bruno would like another discussion on this and would like it to be made clear in writing so the town will not be responsible for any maintenance costs.

B. Spaulding stated that the River Street project would not begin till at least spring.

J. Bruno stated that the tarp is in place over the town sand supply. He also noted that some residents are not replacing it after taking the sand. J. Bruno asks the towns people to PLEASE replace the tarp as it keeps the sand from freezing and this will make it easier for all people to be able to use it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL**

MOTION: B. Spaulding made a motion to enter into Executive Session for Real Estate Personnel at 9:15 pm to include the Board and Town Manager. Seconded by R. Combs. All in favor. So voted.

MOTION: R. Combs made a motion to exit Executive Session for Real Estate Personnel at 9:55 pm to with no action taken. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

**ADJOURN**

MOTION: R. Combs to adjourn at 9:56 pm. Seconded by R. Spaulding. All in favor. So voted.

Respectfully submitted

V. Waldron

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Date of Approval