

Town of Livermore Falls

Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Livermore Falls Town Office

6:30 PM

Attendance: Jeff Bryant, Chair, Rodney Heikkinen, Nixon Ortiz, Heather Bronish, Ernie Souther, Amanda Allen, and Amy Byron as well as Bill Nichols, and Ernie Steward.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: February 16th, 2021

Correction: The record containing the motion and vote should be corrected to read Vote: 4 – 0 – 1 with Rod Heikkinen abstaining.

Motion was made by Rodney; Second by Ernie.

VOTE: 5 - 0

Old Business

A) Snow Removal on Bridge

- a. Amanda told the Board a verbal agreement between the towns of Livermore Falls and Livermore had been reached regarding snow removal on the bridge. The towns will alternate responsibility for this season only. No money will be exchanged and no written contract will exist.
- b. Motion was made by Heather; Second by Rodney. VOTE: 5-0

New Business

B) Budget Discussion

- a. Police Department
 - i. Chief Steward presented two budgets – one with 0% wage increase and one with 2% wage increase.
 - ii. He answered questions regarding cruiser replacement. He stated they are replaced according to age and mileage.
 - iii. He answered questions regarding the current budget. He is on track.
 - iv. The proposed budgets will go to the Budget Committee and come back with suggestions.
- b. Highway Department
 - i. Bill presented a budget with a 2% raise and reminded the Board this is a contract year.
 - ii. He explained proposed increases in the budget and told the Board he has locked in the price/gallon on diesel and gas.
 - iii. He answered a question regarding the current budget. He stated his budget is OK. They have used less salt and less fuel than predicted.
 - iv. He was asked if he has locked in the price for sand and salt. He stated he has not yet, but plans to do so.

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- c. Transfer Station
 - i. Bill presented a proposed budget.
 - ii. He told the Board that he has to negotiate a trash/recycle contract. He has figured a 7% increase. He is waiting on a proposal from EcoMaine. He will present the final numbers when they arrive.
 - iii. He told the Board the MSW is up approximately 50 tons over last year. He also said the Recycle is down approximately 10 tons.
- d. Agency Requests
 - i. Amanda presented letters from several Agencies.
 - ii. There was discussion regarding Spruce Mountain requests. The requests were tabled until further information is received.
 - iii. Reporter Donna Perry suggested the Board review use of funds before approving a request.
 - iv. Last year \$5,025 was approved for Agency Requests. There was discussion regarding a cap on proposed spending. (\$5,000 was suggested.)

Warrants/ Abatements/Deeds/Quit Claim

Board Discussion/Department Head Discussion

Tom Barker had a question. It was suggested that discussion be moved to Manager's Discussion.

Jeff spoke regarding the Mask Resolution. It will be reviewed and brought to the next meeting. He also told the Board the mirror on the corner of Main/Depot St. is not positioned correctly. It has twisted on the pole.

Manager's Discussion

Tom's question was regarding Budget Committee. Amanda told the Board she had located the Budget Committee Policy and it was distributed. Nine members are required for a full committee; 7 is considered a quorum. Tom told the Board the Committee currently has 6 members with a potential new member attending the meeting tonight. There was discussion regarding changing the policy, but no decision was reached. It was suggested the Donna Perry put something in the paper asking interested residents to consider joining the committee.

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Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Chapter 13 § 405 § 6.A. – Labor Negotiations

7:46 PM – Jeff made the motion to enter Executive Session for Labor Negotiations; Second by Heather. VOTE: 5-0

8:12 PM –Nixon made the motion to exit Executive Session; Second by Rod. VOTE: 5-0

→ No Action Taken.

Adjourn:

8:22 PM - Heather made the motion to adjourn; Second by Nixon. Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Byron, Deputy Clerk

