

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING  
JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:00 P.M.  
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Clifford Stewart-Vice Chairman, Thomas T.J. Williams, Reginald Arsenault, Jr., A. Byron Ouellette

**ABSENT:** Richard Philbrick Chairman

**OTHERS:** Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Paul Cayer-Firefighter, Kelsey Bevins-Channel 7 access, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**—Recited

**6:00 PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Time in 6:02 p.m.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go in to public hearing to discuss five trailer park license renewals. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Time out 6:03 p.m.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of public hearing. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the five trailer park license renewals. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**2. Time in 6:07 p.m.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to go into public hearing to discuss a Pawn Brokers license renewal for The Mexico Trading Post. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Time out 6:09 p.m.**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to come out of public hearing. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the Pawn Brokers renewal for The Mexico Trading Post. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**MINUTES**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to approve the regular board of selectmens meeting minutes dated January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**WARRANTS**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the warrants dated January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and the 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

#### **TABLED ITEMS**

NONE

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the appointment of Terrence Belya as a Fire Department constable. Voted unanimously to approve.**

2. **\*\*Motioned by A. Byron Ouellette, second by T.J. Williams to approve the appointment of Arthur Howes to the budget committee. Voted unanimously to approve.**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

To date there have been about 95 calls. In the month of January alone we have had 13 calls, 1 police department assist, 5 structure fires, 2 chimney fires, 1 cellar pumped out, 2 mutual aid calls, and 2 other calls. December and January have been tough months due to this cold weather. It makes for added complication when we have to go out on a fire call.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chief Hodgson has turned in his OSHA log for the last year with no injuries reported.

#### **RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Basketball is in full swing. They will be doing the floor hockey program again this year as it was a big hit last year.

#### **TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

Jack handed out a spread sheet of heating costs that we have incurred to date with how gallons each building is using. We currently contract with C.N. Brown for our oil. Jack is also trying to find out more information on the Oxford County budget and what they are doing with the casino revenue.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

The highway crew has been putting in a lot of overtime hours due to the fact that most of the storms that we have had have been at night or on the weekends. We are already over half of what we have budgeted for overtime. The trucks have been holding up very nicely with the exception of the international truck which has been having some minor problems. Nick is fitting in very well and is learning a lot, he has a good attitude.

#### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT**

Written report given

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Written report given

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

None

### **SELECTMENS REPORT**

#### **T.J. Williams**

T.J has been working with Jennifer Blodgett on the town website showing her how to add events and documents.

#### **A. Byron Ouellette**

None

#### **Reginald Arsenault, Jr.**

Thank you to all of our departments that have had to work out in this cold weather. (Police, Highway, Fire departments) Everyone is doing a great job.

#### **Clifford Stewart**

All of the departments have been doing a really good job working in this cold weather. We really appreciate all the hard work.

### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Jack informed the board that last year we had nominated the Mexico Police Explores for the Spirit of America Award. We have received a letter asking us if we would like to nominate anyone again this year. So if anyone has any ideas we can discuss them at the next meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**TIME IN 6:48 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**TIME OUT 6:54 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) from discussing a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **ACTION TAKEN**

NONE

**2. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.**

**TIME IN 6:55 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**TIME OUT 7:19 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by T. J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. from discussing a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**ACTION TAKEN**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett  
Executive Secretary

X ABSENT  
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Clifford Stewart-Vice Chairman

X \_\_\_\_\_  
A. Byron Ouellette

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas T.J. Williams