

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
OCTOBER 2ND, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

Present: Richard Philbrick-Chairman, T.J. Williams-Vice Chair, Clifford Stewart, Reginald Arsenault, Jr., A. Byron Ouellette

Others: Jack Gaudet-town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Justeen LaPointe-Recreation employee, Kelsey Bevins, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Recited

MINUTES

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the regular board of selectmens meeting minutes dated September 18th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to approve the warrants dated September 25th and October 2nd, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Monthly budget review

The selectmen looked over the monthly reports and reviewed the budget up to date. Selectmen Clifford Stewart has a slight concern he stated that the overall budget is almost 3% over at this point and the recreation budget is \$1000.00 over their budget already. Discussion followed.

Tabled items

1. CRACKS IN THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

Jack showed pictures to the board of the cracks in the foundation of the library and town office building as well as cracks in the sides of the building. We received an estimate of \$4800.00 from J & T Masonry. The selectmen asked if we would table this item until the next meeting and if we could get a quote to fix everything but the 2 foundations. Jack will look into this.

****Motioned by Richard Philbrick, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to table this item until the next meeting and to see if Jack can get a quote that doesn't include the two foundations. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Old Business

1. OFFICE POLICY

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to table this item until Jack has the chance to talk with Maine Municipal Association about this and to have an executive session to discuss it. Voted unanimously to approve.**

2. TEAR DOWN OF TRAILER

Jack and John Blais went to have a look at the trailer on Chase Ave that is going to be torn down. Discussed renting a dumpster from Archie's, they stated that it should cost between \$800.00-\$1000.00 and they will haul it to Norridgewock for us. It was decided to have the town crew handle the demo of the trailer.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to spend up to but not more than \$1000.00 out of the dangerous building fund for the demo of the trailer located on Chase Ave. Voted unanimously to approve.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. GRAMPS DISCUSSION

It was brought to the Town Managers attention that GRAMPS has not made a payment for their weekly use of the Calvin Lyons Hall since April of 2018. A letter has been drafted and mailed out to them.

2. POLITICAL SIGNS ON THE MEMORIAL GREENS

After finding a few political signs left on the memorial greens and removing them it was decided that we need to create an ordinance prohibiting the placement of them on the greens. It was discussed that this has been made into a motion in previous years but Jennifer couldn't find any record of that.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to allow town signs only on the Big and Little Memorial Greens and to have the planning board draft an ordinance on this matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Report

Jamee is coming back to work as of October 1st.

All of our trucks have been serviced and the utility truck needs new ball joints, the tanker exhaust breaks are not working when you back off the throttle it doesn't down shift. We will probably have to take it to Morrison's and have them look at it and give us a quote on fixing it.

New hire Corey Mills is doing a good job.

The floor of the fire station looks like it is settling. We swapped where we keep the utility truck and engine #23 to put less stress on the floor. I don't think that just filling the

cracks will work, I feel like we should have an engineer come in and take a look at the floor.

We have a bunch of training coming up in the next two months.

Marc Mayo's last day is November 23rd, 2018

Selectmen Reginald Arsenault, Jr., has voiced his concern and feels that we may need to build a new fire station in the near future.

Police Department Report

Written report given

Recreation Department Report

Abuchons hardware is doing a fund raiser for the month of October and they will match donations up to \$5000.00 with any and all proceeds going to the Mexico Recreation Department. On October 6th, 2018 they will hold a family fun day to kick off this event. A bounce house, face painting, popcorn and other treats will be available.

We are working on the Haunted Walk we have added over 1000 square feet to this year's walk as well as Maine's only 3-D black light kid-friendly haunted walk called Chroma-Chaos.

Soccer and flag football are still going on.

Roller skating will be starting up again.

Town Managers Report

The Calvin Lyons Hall is being used from October 1-15 for heap appointments.

I have received a letter from the Mexico Water District in regards to a rate increase. They are having a public hearing on October 24th, 2018 at 3:00 in the hall to discuss this.

The Chamber of Commerce has inquired as to whether we would like to place an ad in there book again this year.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to place the same size ad that we did last year in the amount of \$250.00. Voted unanimously to approve.**

*The Mexico Bicentennial committee will be holding an old fashion Chili, Chowder, and pie contest on Sunday October 14th, at 2:00 P.M. They have sent out invitations to all the selectmen asking if they would like to be judges for the event.

*Randy Canwell has brought in some carpet samples for us to look at. The rug in the conference room is in need of replacement. Canwell quoted us at \$1000.00 for basic carpet and 1500.00 for carpet squares. Arbie's Carpet quoted us at \$1083.20 for basic carpet. However we did not get a quote for carpet squares from them.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to table this item until the next meeting so we can call Arbie's and have them give us a quote on the carpet squares. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Night of Appreciation plaques are in. They look good.

Maine Municipal Association annual conference is this week and we need to nominate a voting delegate and an alternate.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by Clifford Stewart to nominate T.J. Williams as the voting delegate, Voted unanimously to approve.**

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to nominate Reginald Arsenault, Jr., as the alternate voting delegate. Voted unanimously to approve.**

November 1st, 2018 is the AVGOC planning day. If anyone is interested in going please let Jennifer know and she will register you.

Road Commissioners Report

Suppose to start work on Bucknum Street but we are behind because of the rain. We will most likely be delayed a week.

We used to order veteran stones to be placed at the Memorial Greens threw Collette Monuments out of Lewiston but due to lack of help picking them up and installing them we have decided to ask John Durland if he would like to make them as well as install them for us. There is a price increase associated with this but it falls on the customer who would like to have the stone made.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to allow John Durland to make the veterans stones and to place them on the Memorial Greens. Voted unanimously to approve.**

General Assistance Report

Written report given

Code Enforcement Report

Written report given

Library Report

Written report given

Selectmen report
Clifford Stewart

Maine Municipal Association convention is this week

A. Byron Ouellette

I won't be able to attend the Maine Municipal Association convention

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

The planning board is working on a moratorium on tiny house as they don't meet any state safety coded.

T.J. Williams

Maine Municipal Association convention is this week and I am looking forward to going.

Richard Philbrick

All set

Public Discussion

None

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 7:45 P.M.

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

TIME OUT 7:58 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., 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

Meet with legal

Adjournment

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett
Executive Secretary

X
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

X
Clifford Stewart

X
A. Byron Ouellette

X
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

X
Thomas T.J. Williams-Vice Chair