

**TOWN OF MEXICO
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
NOVEMBER 20TH, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

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

Others: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Clyde Wardwell, Jr.-Citizen, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times, Nghia Ha-Citizen, Robert Camron and family, James Payton-Citizen, Shane Levesque-Citizen

Pledge of Allegiance-Recited

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to move item one under new business up to the top of the agenda at this time. Voted unanimously to approve.**

New Business

1. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

In November the town held its annual Night of Appreciation celebration and at that time the nominee for Citizen of the Year could not be in attendance. Nghia Ha was chooses as this year's Citizen of the Year. Nghia and her family were in attendance at tonight selectmens meeting and she was given her plaque and certificate.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. TAXI CAB LICENSE RENEWAL FOR JANE WARDWELL D/B/A RIVER VALLEY TAXI

TIME IN 6:33 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr. to go into public hearing to discuss the taxi cab renewal for Jane Wardwell D/B/A river valley taxi. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Discussion followed

Selectmen Reginald Arsenault, Jr., would like Mr. Gaudet to write a letter to River Valley Taxi to post at their place of business stating that speeding has been an issue with some of the taxi cab drivers and that there are consequences.

TIME OUT 6:38 P.M.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to come out of public hearing from discussing the taxi cab renewal for Jane Wardwell D/B/A River Valley Taxi.**

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to approve the taxi cab renewal for Jane Wardwell D/B/A River Valley Taxi. Voted unanimously to approve.**

MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES DATED
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2018.**

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by Clifford Stewart to approve the regular board of selectmen meeting minutes dated November 6th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

APPROVAL OF THE WARRANTS DATED NOVEMBER 13TH AND 20TH, 2018

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated November 13th, and 20th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

TABLED ITEMS

1. TOWN VEHICLE POLICY

Mr. Gaudet handed out to the selectmen an updated town vehicle policy for them to review. He stated that all employees current and any new hires be given a copy to read and to sign off that they have reviewed it. Lengthy discussion followed.

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to accept the updated town vehicle policy as is written. Voted unanimously to approve.**

OLD BUSINESS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault to add an item under old business to the agenda at this time. Voted unanimously to approve.**

39 Chase Ave. is a town owned property that has been placed out to bid three separate times with no incoming bids placed on it. However at this time the neighbor directly across the street has asked if he could place a bid on it at tonight's meeting. Shane Levesque turned in a letter with a bid price of \$3,000.00. The original bid asking price that was advertised in the paper for this property was \$3,500.00. Lengthy discussion followed.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to accept the bid from Shane Levesque in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the town owned property located at 39 Chase Ave. Voted 4:1 motioned passed.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department Report

We had a structure fire in Backkingdom and a few other minor calls

Three members that went through an EVOC class and all passed

I have a gentleman coming to look at the fire station floor

We picked up a second 4gas detector so both trucks now have one on board. Which detects LEL, O₂, CO, and H₂S gases. It cost us \$720.00 however Jack has applied for a grant through Maine Municipal Association and once we send them a paid receipt for the gas detector they will reimburse us \$420.00 towards the cost.

Police Department Report

Written report given

Recreation Department Report

Basketball is starting we have 120 kids in the k-3 grade program.

Skating every Saturday night and it's been very busy

Basketball and wrestling will be starting in December

Town Manager Report

We received an invitation to Boys State supper celebration on December 2nd, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. it is being held at the American Legion hall in Rumford. R.S.V.P. to Kurt.

Saturday December 1st, 2018 Holiday Harvest Home open house (transition house) 5:00 P.M. on Cherry Street.

Lisa Keim will be at Mountain Valley High School on November 29th, 2018 6-7:15 P.M.

I will be meeting with Deb Alden on Monday

Road Commissioners Report

The winter parking ban is in effect for this winter. The highway crew is doing a good job. We still have one truck down it's the same one that we replaced the motor in.

General Assistance Report

Written report given

Code Enforcement Report

Written report given

Library Department Report

Written Report given

Selectmens Report**Clifford Stewart**

Happy Thanksgiving everyone

A. Byron Ouellette

Happy Thanksgiving

Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

Happy Thanksgiving

T.J. Williams

Happy Thanksgiving

Richard Philbrick

Happy Thanksgiving

Public Discussion

Clyde Wardwell Jr. (River Valley Taxi) would like to make a \$50.00 donation to the Mexico fire department towards their new 4gas detector. Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Mexico Fire Department

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 7:08 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 7:29 P.M.

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams 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 7:30 P.M

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., 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 7:39 P.M

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

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

Date signed _____