

Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2022

Mexico Town Office

Calvin Lyons Hall

Present: Richie Philbrick, TJ Williams, Peter Merrill, Reggie Arsenault- Vice Chair, Raquel Welch- Town Manager, Bruce Farrin- press, Caroline Mitchell- press, Mat Theriault- Fire Chief, Arthur Howes, Randy Canwell.

Reggie Arsenault opened the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

- **Agenda Adjustments**

Minutes:

- **Approval of the regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2022.**
***Richie motioned to approve the minutes dated February 1, 2022 as written. Seconded by Peter, all in favor**

Approval of the Selectman/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2022.

*** Richie motioned to approve the Selectman/Budget Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2022 as written. Seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

Warrants

- **Approval of the Warrants dated February 8 and February 15, 2022.**
*** Richie made a motion to approve the warrants dated February 1 and Feb. 15, 2022. Seconded by Peter, all in favor.**

Budget:

No discussion was had other than Town Manager told the Board that winter overtime is down to about 60 hours per person.

New Business:

The following motions were made to amend articles on the June 2022 warrant which had been previously voted on by the Board:

***Peter made a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$68510.55 for the Reserve Accounts for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

***Peter made a motion to see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$404,167.94 for the Fire Dept. for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

***Peter made a motion to add "to hold the balance" to the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$96250.00 for the Road Construction for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Seconded by Richie. All in favor.**

***Richie made a motion to set the interest rate on late taxes at 3.5%. Seconded by Reggie. All in favor.**

Old Business:

Cost Recovery Services:

***Richie made a motion to adopt the cost recovery policy that was presented as well as the fee schedule. Seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

Fire department Report:

Chief Theiault told the Board that the Fire Department received a grant for \$23,000.

Police Department Report:

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Library Report:

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Code Enforcement Report:

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General Assistance Report:

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Recreation Department Report:

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Town Managers Report:

-Erin Baker has Given her notice.

***Richie made a motion to remove Erin Baker from all bank accounts and keep only Tami's name on the accounts until a new bookkeeper is hired. Seconded by Peter. All in favor.**

-Erin's last day in the office is 3/4 and her last paid day is 3/25 due to vacation time accrued.

-Position has been advertised on facebook, MMA, Times, and Linked In. Applications close 3/22.

-Reggie asked to be part of the interviews.

-Reminded the Board that Town Manager will be on vacation from 3/10-3/22.

***TJ made a motion to cancel the Selectmans meeting on 3/15 due to Raquel's vacation. Richie seconded. All in favor.**

-Raquel is still working on entering property cards into TRIO. Very slow process.

-There will be a public hearing at 6 on march 1 for a Taxi Cab license.

Road Commissioners Report:

-crew has been cleaning snow between storms

-crew is opening catch basins to prepare for the upcoming rain.

Selectmen's Report:

-Peter stated that the new snow blower is a great piece of equipment and saving a lot of man hours.

Public Discussion: n/a


Richie made a motion to adjourn at 6:58. Seconded by TJ, all in favor.

Date

Cliff Stewart- Chair



Reggie Arsenault- Vice Chair



Peter Merrill



Richie Philbrick



TJ Williams