



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Attendance: Nick Santangelo, Jason Neville, Peter Washington, John Moulton, Casey Tarbox

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
- Sign A/P and payroll warrant
- Sign previous meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- Rescue: Nick and John. Rescue is looking to increase pay for per diem as they are currently the lowest in the area. Limerick is at \$15 or \$16 per hour for EMT and Shapleigh is at \$16. They are looking to increase EMT to \$16 from \$13 and Paramedics increase to \$19 from \$16. Proposed budget would be for 1 person 8-5, 7 days a week. Call volume is down, and Medicare is paying less which is why income from runs was low this year. Hopefully the increase in pay will bring more paramedics and will reduce the number of intercepts. Right now we have two paramedics; John Moulton, Sonja Sefton, and they usually cover 2-3 shifts per month. Rescue has decided to convert the 2nd ambulance into a squad truck and selling the current squad truck 1988 F350. Board discussed the fact that Rescue is a private entity and the town pays for the majority of their budget. Have they been discussing becoming part of the town of combining rescue and fire? After hours a driver gets paid \$25 per run and EMT \$30.
- Fire: Jason Neville. This year a large part of their budget and carryover balance was used towards the maintenance of E-1. They are requesting the same \$34,500 for operation of Fire department (same as last year) \$50,000 to again start saving for a new fire truck and \$10,000 to start saving for the replacement of the SCBA's. Next year they might have to increase.
- Discussed roads budget with Casey. He is okay with the same numbers as last year.
 - Salt & Sand \$65,000.
 - Roads & bridges \$45,000.
 - Hot Top \$140,000.
 - Camp Roads \$8,000.
 - Road Improvements \$55,000.- Jim would like to see Spring Road get set to be paved
 - Summer Maintenance \$10,000.
 - Brush & Mowing \$13,000. - \$3,000. Would be used for the tree removal at the Belle Sinclair Cemetery
- Peter- cemetery budget. He is okay with \$2500 budget. He will have to replace a piece of 102" granite from the cemetery at Town hall that went missing. Tree needs to come down-leaning into that cemetery. Need to get a hold of property owner (Shawn and Jen Wentworth) about cutting tree. He also mentioned that the Eagle Scout project fell through for the town, the Eagle Scout decided to do his project on something else.
- Town Hall. Nichole received a couple requests from families of individuals who have lived in town and have passed away and their families would like to hold a celebration of life in their honor at the Town Hall. In the past the board has looked at waiving rental fees on a case by case basis. Nichole mentioned creating a policy to waive the rental fees for residents of Newfield who have passed away, whose families would like to hold celebrations of life. Ken made a motion to have a policy that waives all hall rental fees (not the security deposit) for any Newfield resident who has passed away whose family would like to hold a celebration of life/funeral service at the Town hall. Shelly seconded. All 3 in favor.


OLD BUSINESS

- Continued discussion on budgets.
 - Jim would like \$3000 put into budget for some new "Welcome to Newfield" signs and would scenery on the back.
 - Future bridge repair- Shelly made a motion for \$0. Ken seconded. Discussion- the only bridge that needs work is Willowbrook bridge rails. Jim asked about the underneath. Board decided to table this article.
 - Legal Fees-board recapped cost of court case at about \$7500 right now and still have to go to court. Shelly made a motion for \$15,000. Ken seconded. Discussion: if more money was needed they would hold special town meeting. Jim concerned about issues with gravel pits and code enforcement issues. Board voted 3 in favor of \$15,000.
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Meeting adjourns 8:16 pm (Shelly made motion, Ken seconded, all in favor)



Shelly Gobeille



Kenneth Gates



James McLaughlin