

MINUTES
SELECTPEOPLE'S MEETING
LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8, 2020.

SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT: Chairman Walt Elliott, Vice Chairman Fred Pelletier, Chris Durepo II, Jimmy Pelkey Jr. and Tadd Devoe

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott at 6:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Chairman Elliott, led the group in prayer.

III. Approve minutes of December 4, 2020, meeting:

Selectperson Pelletier made a motion to accept the December 4th minutes; seconded by Selectperson Devoe. **Motion Passes**

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr made a motion to table changes to the Board of Selectperson's by-laws till next meeting; seconded by Selectperson Devoe. **Motion Passes**

IV. Police Department Report

Chief Mahan will not be here tonight do to a prior obligation.

V. Committee and Board Reports

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr states that the Limestone Water and Sewer Board would like to know what we have for summer projects coming up, because the LDA is looking into a CDBG grant for the sewer out there. They want to know if we are not going to put one in they would like to run their through us. This would be the CDBG infrastructure grant for a million dollars. Chairman Elliott informed the board that no one else has shown interest in the infrastructure CBDG grant. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asked if Chairman Elliott will contact the LDA. Chairman Elliott informed the board that Carl Flora has spoken with him already.

No other committee or board reports.

VI. Old Business

A. Ambulance: Small discussion. Chairman Elliott brought up the Public Hearing from last night. Budget committee met tonight to present the tax, we have our special town meeting on the 15th where we will be voting on three things the fire truck, the ambulance service and the EMS first responders' start up program. Budget committee has approved all three items.

Funding for the ambulance is for half a year because we are only working with 6 months left to this budget season. Selectperson Durepo, II asked if the board maybe we should have a fact sheet for the upcoming meeting. Public comment is where is the money coming from? We do not have the money in the over lay. General fund \$540,542.56 that does not include 2 CDs.

B. Audit: Small discussion – Received a note from the Town Manager and Selectperson Tadd that they feel the town is ready to have the audit. If the board is all ok with that Chairman Elliott will contact Mr. Poitras, our Auditor. I along with Mr. St. Peter that there is still a need to get an outside source to come in to help with TRIO to balance. Mr. St. Peter has gone as far as he can go, and Chairman Elliott worked his end and can go no further. Need to match TRIO, because deposits go straight into the bank. We need someone to come in and help with this. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr makes motion to just look into pricing on an outside source to help with the bookkeeping; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes.**

C. Town Mangers' Search Contact: Small Discussion – Ms. Carolyn Ball is here tonight. So when we meet in executive session a little later, I want to take the time to discuss any issues that anyone has so that we do not tie her up any longer that we need to.

D. Removal of board members from committees and boards: Small discussion – Chairman Elliott states that where this subject comes from is that some feedback that he had gotten from different committee members is that when a board member sits on a committee they feel that he/she is there to direct that committee. Where is truth the board member is there to bring information back to the board? That is not what our intension are. Boards are different that with committees we need no member, however; we need board members on boards. The board would like to see Agenda and minutes of these committees. The board wants Town Manager to have all committees change by-laws to include that the board will get Monthly minutes and Agendas. Also to include Department heads with a monthly report. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr made motion for town manger to look at having all committee by-laws changed to reflect that Agenda's and Monthly minutes will be given to the board; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes.**

E. EMA Director: Small Discussion – At present it is our Fire Chief, who feels that with his current work load and volunteer position has the adequate time to properly do this job. With that we need to look for a new one. I would like to let you all know that I have talked with A.J, Danny, and Matt who have training if they would be interested. This job includes, day meetings, small stipend \$1,000, 10 year action plan (which is now due), and is the head 4 flood control dams. This is a state requirement. Must be a town manager, fire chief or citizen at large. Need a more specific job description that we could put out for the community and the employees. According to Fire Chief Poitras he feels this job would be better if done in house. A citizen at large may not be able to break away for a two hour lunch. Limestone history wise has always been the town manager; however a few years back it was changed. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr makes a motion to check with Department Heads to see if there is an interest and availability of any employees; seconded by Selectperson Devoe. **Motion Passes.**

New Business:

A. Trafton Well Connection: Small discussion – Chairman Elliott wanted to start the process so that we can work on the next step so that when spring comes we will be ready to start work. Interim Town Manager gives the next steps as follows: 1. A trench must be dug from the new well to the bathhouse 2. A well pump must be installed in the well casing or a jet pump must be installed connecting the new well to the bathhouse 3. Electrical line will need to be run and bury line. We will also need a turn around. Selectperson Durepo, II asks if our highway department could dig the trench come spring. May 20 th completion. Motion made by Selectperson Pelletier to get bid specs for the trafton well water supply; seconded by Selectperson Devoe.
Motion Passes.

B. Agenda Items: Small discussion – Order of the agenda items this is to alleviate repeating topics or items. Suggestion to move the Managers’ Report to before old business so the information flows down. Selectperson Pelletier makes a motion to change the by-laws to move the Managers’ Report directly after the committee reports and then the public comments after the mangers’ report; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II. **Motion Passes.**

C. Proposal: Stephanie with Fields Reality will be representing Caldwell’s in the sales of their buildings. I am talking about 72 Long Road. 2010 Building which is a 60 x 140 square feet and approx. 6 acres. I am hear before I list it to general public I want to throw it out there the fact that it may be good for the municipality to utilize as a school bus garage and a highway building. The land is fenced. Tools may be able to stay along with lifts. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks if it is possible to go and look at the building. Selectperson Durepo, II would like to know how we include the school. The board to meet at Caldwell’s on January 18th at noon.

VIII. Managers’ Report

IX. Approve Warrant

- A. Approve Accounts Payable Warrant # 40, # 41
- B. Approve Payroll Warrant # 39, # 42

X. Executive Session – pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 30-A 405 Chapter 6 a TM search-contract
Executive Session – pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 30-A 405 Chapter 6c Real Estate Matter

XI. Adjournment: 8:40 PM

Walt Elliott, Chairperson

Fred Pelletier, Vice Chairman

Chris Durepo II

James Pelkey Jr.

Tadd Devoe