

MINUTES
SELECTPEOPLE'S MEETING
LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
VIA Zoom and YouTube
WEDNESDAY May 20, 2020.

SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT: Chairman Walt Elliott, Chris Durepo II, Vice Chairman Fred Pelletier, Tadd Devoe and James Pelkey Jr. George "Bud" Finch via Zoom

6 P.M. Informational discussion on the 4th of July. See recording for discussion.

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott at 6:30 p.m. Meeting was open with the pledge of allegiance and a quick prayer.

II. Approve Minutes of April 15, 2020:

So moved by Selectperson Pelkey Jr.; Seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes Unanimous**

Chairman Elliott asks if there is any questions or mistakes

Approval of the Minutes of May 6, 2020.

So moved by Selectperson Pelkey, Jr; Seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes Unanimous**

III. Committee and Board Reports:

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr attended water board meeting. Informed the board if we open Trafton the tank needs to be pumped and Fridays are the only day they pump.

IV. Manager's Report:

Chairman Elliott welcomes Bud to the town.

V. Public Comments:

Michelle Albert asks about the town meeting. Chairman Elliott states that no discussion has been made as of yet because the Governor has not allowed us to get that far into it. Chairman Elliott states we will be operating on last year's budget until the new budget is passed. Albert asks if there is plans to meet with the budget committee. Elliott states that they are following the normal process with the budget. Vicki Page informs the board that she received notification from the state that the election will be July 14th, and we normally hold the annual town meeting

on the following night. Page informed the board that the state is recommending to use absentee voting to keep the numbers down.

Selectperson Durepo, II asks with Chester Kearney working on our books, they cannot do the audit themselves where are we in this process? Seeing how we need to have the audit in our annual report. Town Manager informs the board that June 30th will be the closing of the books. Selectperson Durepo wants to know what Tim Poitras is doing for us. Finch states only being here three days, he will find the answer tomorrow and will pass it on. Chairman Elliott asks if Vicki can add to that. Page informs that we have sent all information to him, we are waiting for him to get back to us. Chairman Elliott explained that after talking with Pat St. Peter, Pat has found a few errors in Trio and errors with the bank information. Pat has since corrected those and now it makes it easier to reconcile the books on a monthly basis.

VI. Old Business

A. Approval of Budget Committee By-laws:

Selectperson Durepo, II moves to approve the by-laws; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier.
Motion Passes Unanimous

B. Approval of Bud Finch New EMA Director:

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr moves to approve Bud Finch as Limestone's EMA Director; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II. Motion Passes Unanimous

C. Trafton Water Hook Up:

Chairman Elliott informs the board that we did receive a bid for this. It has been accepted and supplies have been ordered. Selectperson Durepo, II asks who will be building the secure pump house. This is in the process according to Town Manager. Selectperson Durepo, II asks if the camp ground can be opened under the old well. Chairman Elliott states no because of moving the tanks.

D. Park Pavilion:

Chairman Elliott states that the frost is out of the ground and Randy should be starting soon.

E. 4th of July Festivities:

Chairman Elliott reminded everyone that the festivities have been canceled and if an organization wants to hold an activity they need to bring it to the town office to ensure it will follow under Governor Mills orders.

VII. New Business

A. Trafton Campground:

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr urges that once the well is operational the campground needs to open. The board voted to open so Pelkey feels that the board needs to stand behind their vote. Chairman Elliott states the board will open the campground if all goes well.

Selectperson Durepo, II asks if the Town Manager would be willing to get together to update everyone with what is going on. Town Manager states he would be willing to do this, however if a water test fails that is out of our hands.

B. Appointment of Tom Albert to Budget Committee:

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks if all steps were taken to find people who would like to be on this committee. Chairman Elliott informs the board that he was the only one on the list.

Selectperson Pelletier moves to appoint Tom Albert to the budget committee; seconded by Selectperson Devoe. **Vote 3 in favor 2 not.**

C. Budget Workshop:

Debt Retirement:

No questions.

Economic Development:

Request for \$10,000. Chairman Elliott tells the breakdown of this money. Chairman Elliott asks Michelle Albert if she has anything to add. She just revisited what she had stated earlier. Albert asks if this is the board who will decide to approve or not to approve this. Elliott explains this is a preview for the board, it has not gone to the budget committee yet. The board will give their recommendations and so will the budget committee before going to the town meeting.

Social Services:

Vicki Can you explain the \$3000 increase. It was increased because of the number we were close to the budgeted amount.

Ambulance:

Question is, will the LDA pay for this next year or not, seeing how they have not paid their portion yet.

Unclassified:

All flat lined any discussion. Seeing none we will move on.

Reserves:

Administration is asking \$ 4000 for water problem. Selectperson Durepo, II asks if a contractor has been in to look at the issue. Elliott states what has been said in the past. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks if someone will be reaching out to the LDA about the ambulance. Elliott states yes.

Public Works:

\$15,000 is what is being asked for.

Police:

\$10,000

Fire Department:

\$15,000 which is down from \$25,000 last year.

Library:

\$1,000

Parks & Rec:

\$2,000 down from last year.

Revaluation:

\$2,000

Vacation Reserve:

Is used for when someone gets done, we really need to know what is in that account. We need to see before we put this to zero.

Solid Waste Disposal:

No change

School Appropriations:

Superintendent Dobbins welcomes Bud, and explain this is a 3 month process.

Tuition is up from 8,000 to 11,020.

With the tuition of our 9th through 12th grades we are asking \$368,040.

In the fall we have a student going to a special school that will cost between 50 and 60 thousand dollars.

Selectperson Pelletier asks what the school may get from the state. It should be \$ 1,481,000 and some change. Town Manager asks what they needed from the town last year. \$ 719,500 was the answer Dobbins gave. This year the increase is the sum of \$ 368,000.

IX. Other:

Selectperson Pelletier asks for updates on the following: Sidewalks, Solar Panels, and Speed limit signs. Chairman Elliott informs the board that the speed limit signs will stay as they are.

Selectperson Devoe would like to thank Vicki Page for her time as Interim Town Manager.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr would like to thank the Public works for the patches of the roads. I also would like to thank Vicki. Tax acquired properties are in our possession is this correct. Elliott states yes. So the people living in some of these this falls as a liability of the town is that correct.

Finch states he will put something together for the board. Pelkey asks where we are in the process. Elliott states we just sent out the 30 day letter. Has Tom been added to the payroll?

Finch states without having to violate Executive Sessions, we will look into that. Selectperson

Durepo, II asks if the Town Office opens on Tuesday are all employees coming to work now and

is everyone working their normal hours. Is there a plan put in place for opening up the playgrounds. We cannot sanitize the equipment.

X. Approve Warrants A/P # 73 & # 74

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr motion to accept A/P warrants 73 and 74; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. **Motion Passes**

XI. Adjournment:

So moved by Selectperson Pelletier; Seconded by Selectperson Devoe.



Walt Elliott, Chairperson



Fred Pelletier, Vice Chairman



Chris Durepo II



James Pelkey Jr.



Tadd Devoe