

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTPEOPLE'S MEETING**  
**LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13, 2021.**

**SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT:** Jesse Philbrick, Paul Durepo, II, Chairman, James Pelkey, Jr., and Irma Labreck Excused: Vice Chairman Fred Pelletier

**I. Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Pelkey, Jr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:**

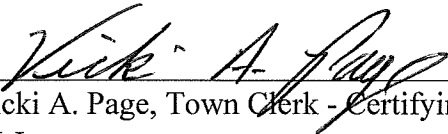
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all, and Chairman Pelkey, Jr led the group in prayer.

**III. Adjustment to the Agenda:**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes: November 18, December 16, and December 30, 2020**

Selectperson Labreck made a motion to accept the November 18, December 16, and December 30, 2020 minutes as written with no corrections; seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II. Selectperson Philbrick wants to know why Vicki Page's name is on the minutes when it has not been on there before. Ms. Johndro explained that Vicki's name is on the minutes because she is the certifying official so her name must be on the minutes. Chairman Pelkey, Jr states we can take her name off. Selectperson Philbrick wants to know why Ms. Johndro's name is not on the minutes. Ms. Johndro stated she cannot certify the minutes as she is not the clerk. Mr. Tom Albert from the floor asks why we can not put certifying official after Vicki's name to clear things up. Chairman Pelkey, Jr stated he will look it over. Again, from the floor Mr. Albert states that the certifying officials' signature is just saying that everything that was done in the meeting was done correctly and the board elected a new chairman, and they should have followed the by-laws, Selectperson Durepo, II calls point of order, thus not allowing Mr. Albert to finish his statement. Vote was taken with a 3 in favor and 1 opposed - Selectperson Philbrick.

  
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## **V. Report from Town Manager:**

Happy New Year. 2020 was certainly a rollercoaster of a ride and unfortunately, I am not confident it will be much better this year, at least in the first 6-months. State of Limestone – With all the potholes and bumps in the road we have made inroads to at least understand the financial situation the Town faces. The next few years are going to be difficult financially as we try to dig out of the predicament, we are in. The impact of holding the mill-rate artificially low, failing to meet capital needs and budgeting have reached the breaking point.

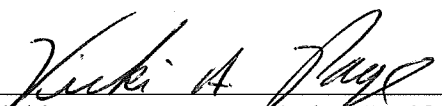
The causes are not one-year nor any one individual as the root of the problem goes back a number of years and in reality, goes back to the closing of Loring. That is not a reason to surrender but is the reason for all to come together to move the Town forward.

My concerns beyond the hole that has been dug by ourselves, as I have noted quite often, deals with the impact of Social/Political battles from Limestone to Augusta to Washington. We have to rise up above that or united consequences will impact us for years to come.

## **VI. Public Comment**

Chairman Pelkey, Jr asks the public to stay on topic and that what Mr. Albert was discussing was a legality and it was taken to the lawyers. Mr. Albert stated that the board of five needs to remember that Bud runs the Town and the board of five oversees him. He also stated that the board was elected by the people and that their votes should reflect what the people want and not what one individual wants, and If the board cannot follow their own by-laws, and if they pass a motion tonight how do we know you are going to follow through? He also says that, I can look at January minutes from last year that you voted on in two meetings and did not follow through. Chairman Pelkey, Jr states that to the best of their ability they try to follow through.

Mr. Albert asks the board about the new dump body that the board approved to purchase under the article, who decides what is an emergency? Chairman Pelkey, Jr states that it would be the board and what one would consider an emergency someone else may not. They discussed during that meeting that the public works department was down to only one truck and with needing to sand the roads, if that truck breaks, we have none. I feel that we did what was in the best interest of the Town. Mr. Albert asks if the body of the Ford could have come off and put on the Mack. Chairman states it is no better condition. Mr. Albert points out that it has been three weeks and the body is still not here and why did it not go to a special town meeting to let the people have a voice. Chairman Pelkey says because the body was allotted to someone else and a discussion had to be made right then.

  
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Mr. Poitras states that in his opinion the dump body was not an emergency and the article in question came up last year when the Town did not have a town meeting to allow the people to have a voice. Mr. Poitras states that under the freedom to know act, the board must post their meetings in at least three locations. The meeting for tonight is posted, however, it is very vague and does not list what is going to happen at this meeting. The items of business should be on the agenda. I believe if something comes up at this meeting you can not vote on it and you would need to place it back on the agenda for the next meeting so the public can have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

**VII. Old Business:**

**None**

**VIII. New Business:**

Ordinance Request – See Attached

After discussion the citizen was asked to review and make changes and then bring it back to the board.

**IX. Elected Official Statements:**

Selectperson Philbrick – Would like to know what is in the reserve accounts. We also need a budget committee to look at the mid-year review. We need the sign out front to state committee members needed.

Selectperson Labreck – Would like to thank the Rec department for the good job they are doing with the skating rink. She also wants to thank the Town Manger for the packets he puts together for the board.

Selectperson Durepo, II – First Responders group is starting back up.

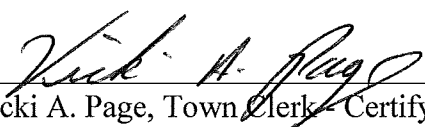
**X. Committee Reports:**

Selectperson Philbrick- None

Selectperson Labreck- Trafton will have to open, however we are still waiting on the numbers.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr – Water company had a meeting tonight, LDA still owes then also.

Selectperson Durepo, II – None

  
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**XI. Approval of Warrants**

A/P Warrants #35, #37 & #38


Selectperson Durepo, II made motion to approve; seconded by Selectperson Labreck. **Motion Passes 4 and 0**

Payroll Warrant #36

Selectperson Durepo, II made motion to approve; seconded by Selectperson Labreck. **Motion Passes 4 and 0**

**XIII. Adjournment: 7:36 pm**

Selectperson Labreck made motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm; seconded by selectperson Durepo, II.

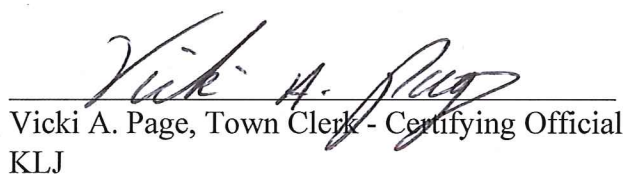
  
James Pelkey, Jr, Chairperson

  
Fred Pelletier, Vice Chairman

  
Paul Durepo, II

  
Jesse Philbrick

  
Irma Labreck

  
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