
Select Board Meeting Minutes 2/1/17

Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 2/1/17

Meeting Opened at: 9am

Select Board Members Present: Kenn Basler, Chairperson, Steve Weisz and Carol Edelman

Also in attendance: Willie Morales, Carolyn Thomas-Davis, Cliff Weiss, BJ Johnson

Town Administrator Items Reviewed:

- Willie has asked that the Treasurer and Accountant provide a report of the status of the accounts from when they started and where they are now.
- Old Beartown Rd – Willie has spoken with DCR which holds the deed to this road but they do not maintain it so it is essentially a private road.
- Audit will begin in April. The Board gave Willie permission to sign the contract after confirming funds available.
- Revolving fund – Willie confirmed that the request to start a revolving fund for Bally Gally can be placed on the special town meeting warrant. Willie confirmed that with the new legislation enacted in November with regards to this particular situation any balance at the close of the fiscal year can be used toward any other town owned facility.
- Pre budget financial reviews – the first meetings were held last Friday (Constable, Board of Assessors and Police Dept). The Board questioned why the Chief is not recommending a COLA for the part time officers but is for the full time sergeant. Willie stated that the Chief is prepared to defend this decision at town meeting. The Board would like to meet with the Chief regarding this.
- Email from Jon Sylbert regarding the Finance Committee's responsibilities: Willie confirmed that the goal has been and will continue to be for the Finance Committee and Select Board to work together on a budget to be presented at town meeting.
- TIP list – Willie and Kenn will work on the submission for Monterey which is due Friday.
- Willie will discuss the agenda item "sale of fan boat" with the Fire Chief.
- KP Law will be doing an open meeting class before March in Sandisfield and Monterey is invited to attend.

Accountant Items Reviewed:

- MD Amstead bills submitted in December for work at the Community Center that was not yet paid; Carolyn noted that the previous Accountant did not process them for payment. Carolyn has added them to today's warrant.

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- The Board discussed the meeting that Carol will attend tomorrow with regards to the SBRSD union contract negotiations. On another note the Board has concerns about the drop in student population by 55 and where the assessment issue for this year currently stands and asked Carol to follow up while there tomorrow.
- Message board in front of town hall; Carol is proposing it be taken down and the rest of the Board agreed.
- Cronk Rd – Another letter was received complaining about the traffic. In hindsight Kenn feels that rather than having the police monitor the situation first the proper first step should be the residents speaking with the Director at Hume to determine which truck(s) is the problem as Hume has some control over certain trucks; Steve suggested that if this occurs there should be a neutral mediator. Steve will make some calls.
- Broadband – Peter Larkin met with the Broadband Committee to discuss MBI's vetting process of the RFP's received by the state.
- Kenn has been speaking with the Building Inspector about non-profits making historical renovations and ways to encourage more with less fees. Don Torrico suggested adding to our applications that historical non-profits performing historical renovation work (supporting the State's historical designations), fees would be waived (not retro-actively) which wouldn't have a large financial impact on the town. The Board will consider this and vote on it at a later date.
- Curtis Rd bridge signs are in. Kenn suggested a letter be sent to all the local businesses that use the bridge notifying them of the changes; he will work with M. Noe on this as well as fliers for the residents regarding the new traffic pattern.

- Lake Garfield Working Group will be meeting next on February 6th.
- Warrants were signed.
- Minutes from 1/25/17 were approved.
- Administrative Assistant's weekly report was reviewed.
- Police Chief's weekly report was reviewed.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at: 10:35am

Submitted by:
Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant
Approved by:
Monterey Select Board

cc: Website (www.montereyma.gov)
Select Board Members
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Town Clerk