
Select Board Meeting Minutes 10/18/17

Select Board Minutes of the meeting of 10/18/17

Meeting Opened at: 9am

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

Also in attendance: Don Clawson, Shawn Tryon

The Board and Principal Assessor held a classification hearing to determine whether there will be a single or split tax rate. The Assessors are recommending a single tax rate as we do not meet the necessary qualifications for a split tax rate. A motion was made to accept a single tax rate which was seconded and approved unanimously. Don informed the Board that our projected excess capacity is \$460,396 and the projected tax rate will be 7.38, these numbers may change slightly based on new protocols from the state which Don will know more about on Friday. The levy limit for this year including debt exclusions is \$4,218,128.

At 9:30am the Board discussed the need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation with Town Counsel. Roll call was taken by the Chair. All Select Board members were present, Shawn Tryon, Director of Operations and Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant. A motion was made by to go into executive session, seconded, and approved unanimously. The Board agreed that they would return to an open session. Open session was resumed at 9:51am.

Miscellaneous Items Reviewed:

- The Board approved the November Select Board Corner.
- Steve reported that the 1st preliminary budget meeting last Thursday went very well. The next one will be tomorrow and Kenn will attend.
- The Board approved an article for the November Monterey News regarding our new hire in the police department.
- Steve and Carol gave an update on Monday's Lake Garfield Working Group meeting and the report from Ken Wagner on his preliminary lake findings.
- Minutes from 10/11/17 were approved.
- Administrative Assistant's weekly report was reviewed.
- The Board approved the Town Clerk's time off request and request to attend training.
- Police Chief's weekly report was reviewed.
- The Board reviewed the FY19 budget and talked preliminary numbers for their direct line items. Conversations will continue over the next 2 months to create a preliminary budget to give to the Finance Committee.
- Kenn gave a summary of a subcommittee meeting he attended for the school with regards to looking into combining Southern Berkshire with Berkshire Hills.
- The Board discussed the need for future conversations regarding the role and responsibilities of the Board and departments within town hall.
- The Board met with Shawn Tryon, Director of Operations and discussed the proposal from BETA for a Pavement management system that will accurately manage our roads and culverts with GPS, will provide long term capital planning for road work and more.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at: 11:06am

Submitted by:

Melissa Noe, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

Monterey Select Board

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Minutes Book

Town Clerk

