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TOWNSHEND SELECT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2016

Present: Kathy Hege; Kit Martin; Robert Wright

In Attendance: Joe Daigneault; Kurt Bostrom; Lt. Timothy Oliver, VSP; Richard Melanson, BCTV; Craig Hunt

1. Call To Order: Hege called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes: Martin made a motion: **To approve the Minutes of June 14, 2016**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

3. Additions and Deletions: Added to the Agenda was consideration of a contract with the Vermont State Police and, to Old Business, final closeout of FEMA reimbursements.

4. Members of the Public: Martin made a motion: **To suspend the rules to meet with members of the public**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

Lt Timothy Oliver of the Vermont State Police was welcomed and, following discussion, Martin made a motion: **For Townshend to enter into a law enforcement contract with the Vermont State Police for six months at a cost of \$10,000.00, with the understanding that the contract could be renewed for another six months at the same rate upon expiration**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present. Hege then signed the contract.

5: Reports: Highway Report: Gravel Crushing: Hege acknowledged that the Select Board had received two bids for gravel crushing prior to the deadline and opened them.

Bazin Brothers bid \$4.95 per cubic yard

David Chaves bid \$5.25 per cubic yard

Following discussion, Martin made a motion: **To award the 2016 contract for gravel crushing to Bazin Brothers at the bid price of \$4.95 per cubic yard, not to exceed \$50,000.00 in budgeted expense**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present. Bazin's proposed schedule is to crush gravel at the pit between July 18th and August 12th.

Winter Salt: Martin made a motion: **To contract with Cargil Inc. for purchasing winter roadway salt at a quoted price of \$81.80 per ton, not to exceed 450 tons**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

Board members then discussed with Bostrom how quickly grader blades seem to have been used up; how culverts identified for replacement in 2013 still have not been attended, and how employee vacation time too-often seems to be taken as personally opportune, rather than on advance pre-schedule.

Town Clerk's Report: The Select Board reviewed the Town Clerk's cash journal reports from the prior weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Daigneault reported that there was currently \$757,077.59 in the General Fund checking account.

6. **Warrants:** Wright made motions to approve the following Warrants, all seconded by Martin.

62801 Payroll \$ 11,487.48, carried by those present.

62802 Taxes \$ 4,199.17, carried by those present

62803 General \$ 2,533.06, carried by those present.

62804 General \$ 640.16, carried by those present.

62805 General \$ 4,650.51, carried by those present.

62806 Hgwy \$ 4,902.40, carried by those present.

62807 Equip \$ 25,076.21, carried by those present.

62808 General \$ 11,142.94, carried by those present.

62809 Hgwy \$ 226.42, carried by those present.

7. Correspondence: None at this time.

8. Old Business: Officer Appointments: None at this time.

Notices: Hunt informed the Board that Notices for necessary Public Hearings would be posted and scheduled during July.

Efficiency Vermont: Hunt reported that the grant from Efficiency Vermont had been received and equaled the amount that Green Mountain Power had charged to replace Townshend's streetlight bulbs with more-efficient LED fixtures.

9. New Business: Windham County Humane Society Contract: Martin made a motion: **To approve the 2016 contract for animal holding at the Windham County Humane Society.** The motion was not discussed for failure to gain a second and will re-appear on the Agenda for the July 12, 2016 meeting.

10. **Executive Session:** Martin made a motion: To find that premature disclosure of information would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage, if made public, seconded by Wright and carried by those present.

Martin made a motion: **To enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m., under 1 V.S.A. 313-a1e to discuss possible civil litigation**, seconded by Wright and carried by those present. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:40 p.m., and as a result, no action was taken.

11. Other Business: None at this time.

12. Meeting Schedules: Tax Workshop: July 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting: July 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

13. **Adjournment:** Wright made a motion: **To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.**, carried by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig K. Hunt