

**SELECTMENS MEETING
TOWN OF HUDSON
MONDAY AUGUST 1, 2022
MINUTES**

I. OPEN MEETING:

- N. Veazie opened meeting at 6:00 pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 6th, and 18th Meeting Minutes- M. Kelley made motion to accept the meeting minutes as written , R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote 5-0.

III. BOARD OF ASSESSORS/MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- **Adjustments to agenda-**

R. Gray requested to take Executive Session Per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) off the agenda. N. Veazie requested to add under Unfinished/Old business. C. Update on Lawyer.

N. Veazie also requested to add under Unfinished/Old Business D. Update on Road Work.

- **Correspondence-**

K. Gray and J. Williams explained they had received a bill from City of Old Town for responding to emergency calls. N. Veazie went over it with the board. Residents from Beechwood Ave expressed their concern with not having ambulance coverage. They would like the contract signed. N. Veazie explained they can not sign the contract without having a warrant article at the town meeting to get approval. It is not in the budget for this year. N. Veazie also explained that Orono is actually closer than Old Town and will respond if Old Town doesn't. M. Smart stated it goes down the line until someone responds it doesn't mean they have no ambulance service. It just might not be Old Town. N. Veazie also expressed that he would like a contract with a set amount, not by call as it is hard to budget by call. M. Smart also suggested that the board reach out to see if they are also charging other surrounding towns? Also, what prompted them to do this? R. Gray stated he would contact the Old Town City Manager to get some answers as to why this happened and if we can work out an agreement until we can get it in the budget for next year. He also is going to contact City of

Orono. D. Gray made a motion to table the bill until next meeting. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0

IV. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORT

- **Planning Board** – D. Nichols stated they would like to put one member that was not showing up for meetings to an alternate and make Terry Lacombe- Stevens an active member. D. Gray made the motion to accept Terry Lacombe- Stevens as an active member. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- **Policy Committee**- L. Nichols stated at the last meeting they wrote up a new rental agreement for the Hall rental.

V. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

- **316 Corinth Rd**- R. Gray is going to reach out to Adam to get an update. Tabled until next regular meeting.
- **G & H Ambulance**- N. Veazie asked if anyone was interested in joining Board of Directors for G & H. It's a period of 3 years. The board read the contract. M. Kelley made a motion to sign the contract for G & H as written. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- **Update on Lawyer**- N. Veazie updated the board in regards to the phone meeting K. Gray had with Pottle. He stated Pottle did draw up a release for Liability agreement for David Nichols to get metal from the Transfer Station. With the understanding he do it during Transfer Station hours. R. Gray made a motion to sign the agreement. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0
- **Election Recount**- Pottle informed us they are having a meeting on Friday. He is going to touch base with Kielie on Friday.
- **331 Birch Tree Dr**- Pottle wanted the go ahead from board to foreclose on this property. R. Gray made a motion to move forward with the foreclosure. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion-None. Vote-5-0

- **Road Work-** N. Veazie stated the Potter Rd should be paved by 1st of September by Hopkins. He also stated that they put out a bid for culvert replacements for Hudson Hill and Darling Rd, ABS was the only one that sent an estimate of \$17,000. He is hoping to get Hudson Hill done before the culvert is ruined. As that would cost more money if they can't save it.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- **Camden National to Maine Savings –** K. Gray explained that the interest rate at Camden National is .15 % and we could transfer money to Maine Savings and get 2.2% interest if we put it in a CD. It is a significant increase and it would put all our accounts in one Bank. N. Veazie suggested invest ½ this year and the other ½ next year. D. Gray made a motion to move the money to Maine Savings. R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion-None. Vote 5-0
- **Mowing-** N. Veazie explained they were hit with a surcharge for fuel for the mowing of the sides of the roads. It was in the contract that any changes were to be in writing. N. Veazie also expressed his concern that if they didn't pay they would lose them. R. Gray made a motion to counter offer \$125 to see if they accept that. D. Gray is going to write something up.
- **Grange-** D. Miles explained the grange wants to move the monument from the Rec building to the Town Hall. She would like the board to tell them where they would like to place it. N. Veazie stated they can put it where they would like, just let them know. They agreed with a spot by the Flag Pole.

VII. OPEN SESSION

- **Public-**
- **Selectmen-** None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (D) -Contracts-** At 7:16 pm R. Gray made a motion to go into executive session. M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0

OPEN SESSION

- At 7:46 pm the board exited out of executive session. M. Kelley made a motion to finish out the Contract. D. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (C)- Poverty Abatement-Case # 2022-01-** At 7:46 R. Gray made a motion to go back into executive session it was 2nd by M. Kelley. Discussion- None. Vote-5-0

OPEN SESSION

- At 8:02 pm the board exited out of executive session.
- R. Gray made a motion to accept a tax payment agreement of 22 payments of \$100.00 monthly with a \$3,000 down payment for case # 2022-01. The board also agreed they would abate 3 years of taxes with the understanding that the appropriate applications and supporting documents are turned into the office in a timely manner M. Kelley 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (C)- Poverty Abatement-** M. Kelley made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:05 R. Gray 2nd the motion. Discussion-

None. Vote- 5-0

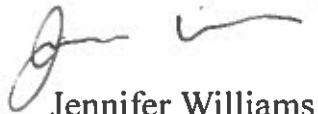
OPEN SESSION


- At 8:13 the board exited out of Executive Session
- M. Kelley made a motion to deny the Poverty Abatement involving Case # 2022-02 due to lack of information. Case # 2022-03 was denied due to only being eligible to claim it on your primary residence. N. Veazie 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.

XI. ADJOURNMENT


- At 8:14 pm M. Kelley made a motion to adjourn. D. Goddard 2nd the motion. Discussion- None. Vote- 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Williams
Town Clerk


Norman Veazie (Chair)


Dean Gray


Mike Kelley


Derek Goddard


Roger Gray