

Minutes for Selectboard Meeting

February 3, 2016 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order: Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were the following: Tom Breitweg, Jack Carson, Randy Davis, Kyle Russell and Doug Franklin.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access: None

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes from 01/20/2016: **Motion made and seconded, Davis/Franklin, unanimous.**

- b. Communications

1. Union Matters: TM reported to the board that the Union representative has filed, under Freedom of Access, a request for information on the Town of Newport's financials. Some of what they are requesting is information that currently exists in the requested format; other parts of the request are for items that don't exist and we are not required by law to create this data for them. Everything has been turned over to the Town's legal counsel for further instruction. The manager has also been notified that some members of the union have sent documents to the Department of Labor requesting to dissolve the Union. This new information may well negate the request for information previously stated.

4. Old Business:

- a. Public Safety update: Contractors are still on target. Floors, ceilings, sheet rock, electrical, etc are completed or nearly completed. Target date for completion at this time is March 9th. Furnishings will be ordered in the immediate future. The manager has been working on the fiber optics between Fairpoint and Tel-Power. Internet connectivity will not be a wireless system from the NCC as originally predicted, but rather will be through Time Warner at the premium package.

5. New Business:

- a. Quit Claim deed(s)

1. Town of Newport to Brian L. Cowan II (\$2,921.37)
 2. Town of Newport to John & Desiree Watson (\$2,125.65)

3. Town of Newport to Ronald Luce (\$388.40)

Motion made and seconded to deed these properties back to the immediate prior owners as listed, Franklin/Davis, unanimous.

b. 2015 Audit presentation: Casey Leonard and Ryan Cormier of RKO were here to present the financial overview of the audit performed in January. Discussed the new accounting standard, GASB 68, which recognizes that the retirement system is not fully funded based upon actuarial studies. This information has to be reported in the financials by federal law. As a whole, the Town received an unmodified opinion, which means that the financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects. There was also no material weaknesses related to its internal controls. Final audit documents are nearly complete and will be forthcoming within the next week.

c. Public Hearing, "Blanket Approval" American Legion Post 105 for Games of Chance, Beano & Bingo: **Motion to open public hearing at 7:35 p.m., Davis/Russell, unanimous.** Discussed the definition of Games of Chance as pertaining to Texas Hold 'Em games and raffles in addition to Bingo. Discussion ceased and the public hearing closed at 7:36 p.m. **Motion to approve the Games of Chance license for the American legion, Franklin/Carson, unanimous.**

d. Notice of Litigation: The Town has been given notice of a potential lawsuit from George and Linda Lougee due to a road opening the town permitted from Downwind Blvd to Nason Rd. Named in the notice were the Code Enforcement officer, the Manager and the Planning Board. This has been turned over to the Town's legal for further instruction.

6. Warrant: Discussion on the repairs to the Kubota and also the switch for the compactor. Discussion ceased. **Motion to approve, Franklin/Russell, unanimous.**
7. Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn at 7:45, Russell/Davis, unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Paula A. Scott, CCM

Municipal Clerk