Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022 @ 5pm

**Selectperson Present:** Gary Wight, Virgil Conkright, Mandy Berry

**Others present**: Laurie Walker (Deputy Clerk), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk), Joelle Corey (CEO/LPI), Brooks Morton

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2022 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** see below.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: Amy’s Bernard’s last day was 5/2/2022. She did work remotely today on bank recon which is complete through February. Joint Selectboard meeting is being held May 23rd @ 6PM in the Telstar Library to discuss Broadband. Selectman Conkright and Wight are able to attend. The hiring of a new Town Administrator is in the works. The ad has been posted in the newspaper, on the MMA website and on the Town’s website. There has been one candidate so far and an interview has been scheduled for May 24th @ 9:00AM at the Town Office with an interview committee of 2 outside persons with town administrative experience, 1 selectman and 1 employee.

**Business Agenda:**

**~Discuss and consider final approval and signing the Town Meeting Warrant so it can be posted. ~**

The changes made were discussed: Changed to 40 Articles in first paragraph, Article 10 the year was changed to be correct, Article 34 the amount of money was entered and Article 40 was added to the warrant. The Town Meeting Warrant was signed by all selectmen and is ready to be posted.

**~Discuss and consider signing the Public Hearing notice for the Public Hearing to be held on June 1. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion that they sign the Public Hearing notice for the Public Hearing to be held on June 1. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider recommitting the taxes to the new Tax Collector. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion that they recommit the taxes to Joelle Corey, Interim Tax Collector. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion.

**~Discuss and consider a motion to close early on June 30th @ 3PM for end of year close out. ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion that the Town Office close June 30th @ 3pm for end of year close out. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. It will be posted on the Town Office door as well as on the Town website and Facebook page.

**~Discuss and consider a motion to raise the ballot clerk wage to minimum wage. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion that we raise the ballot clerk wage to minimum wage. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider the ‘Welcome to Newry’ sign. The covered bridge has been removed. We have an older one that we can install for now. ~**

It was suggested by Selectmen Berry that we seal coat the bridge that was found in the office to hopefully make it last longer prior to putting it up. The current signs are showing damage from weather and may need to be replaced next year.

**~Discuss and consider a second meeting date for May and June dates 7th & 21st. (14th is election day) ~**

Tentative next date for a meeting is May 18th as Town Meeting is May 17th. This meeting may include Executive Session M.R.S.A. Chapter 13, Title 1 §405 6-A-Personnel. Meeting dates for June will be decided at the next meeting.

Selectperson Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47PM. Selectperson Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

Tentatively, May 18, 2022, 5:00 pm at the Town Office

**Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.**

Minutes Approve by***:***

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Gary Wight Chairman

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Virgil Conkright

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Mandy Berry