Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2022 @ 5pm

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

**Others present**: Laurie Walker (Deputy Clerk), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Recording Sec.), Joelle Corey (Interim TA, CEO/LPI), Becky Bean

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2022 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from June 1, 2022. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to reset passwords in TRIO. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Conkright suggested having the North Newry church lot surveyed to see the exact acreage. Joelle Corey, Interim Town Administrator will request a couple of quotes.

Selectman Conkright made a motion that staff could rollover unused vacation time to be used by October 1, 2022. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to pay out any compensation time at the end of FY 2022. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**: Selectman Berry made a motion to approve liquor licenses for the SR Golf Course and the Axillary Cart that goes around the course. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Announcements**:

**Business Agenda:**

**Executive Session:** M.R.S.A. Chapter 13, Title 13 Title 1§405 6-A Personnel.

No Executive Session was needed. It was announced that Loretta Powers was hired as the new Town Administrator of Newry. Her last day in Bethel is July 8, 2022 and her first day in Newry will be July 11, 2022.

**~Discuss and consider Accident Insurance for Volunteers $2/year/volunteer. ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the Accident Insurance for volunteers. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider volunteer members that have outstanding keys for buildings in Newry. With the sag in the exterior wall being a safety concern, should we draft a letter to these people to return the keys or change the locks? ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to change the locks on the North Newry Church. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider a request from Anita Clark for $100 for local baked goods to be purchased for the dedication ceremony of the Age Friendly Initiative benches at the Covered Bridge and Grange Hall. ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to grant the request. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider Timeshares. The Jordan and Summit have several accounts with outstanding balances or credits. Would like to move credits to over/short and write off small balances. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to move credits to over/short and write off small balances. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider signing Bank Recon from September 2021 through April 2022. ~**

Selectman will come in to review at the Town Office and sign so they can look over more thoroughly.

**~Discuss and consider the Casella proposal for the transfer station. ~**

The packet was given to Selectmen to review and look at. If they have questions, they will be addressed at the next meeting.

**~Discuss and consider reviewing the RHR Smith Audit report for year ending June 2021. ~**

Selectmen can review the 24-page audit at the Town Office and review.

**~Discuss and consider CAI Technologies (GIS tax maps) contract and updates for quarterly billing. ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion for Joelle Corey, Interim Town Administrator to sign the contract. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider Mahoosuc Broadband meeting Monday. There was a request for up to $2000 for legal services. ~**

Selectmen want to wait and see if ARPA funds can be used for these fees.

Selectperson Wight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10PM. Selectperson Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

June 21, 2022, 4:30 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