Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2022 @ 5:00pm

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

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Recording Sec.), Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement)

**Others present:** Brooks Morton

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

Med Care Paul Landry tabled to next meeting.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: Selectmen Conkright reported that Oxford County is redoing their communications and suggested Sunday River for a tower, but the cost is $3500 per month as the phone company owns. Planning Board is discussing, and it is automatic now if a tower goes up they must have room for E911 capabilities.

Selectman Wight attended the Oxford County caucus, and the budget committee meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month which conflicts with the Selectmen’s meeting so he did not sign up.

**Business Agenda:**

**~Discuss and consider Fire Department purchase orders. ~**

Fire Department to do purchase orders for items over $50.00 and we need receipts as they are not sent with statements anymore.

**~Discuss and consider roadside mowing & brushing. ~**

Waiting to hear back from Alan Fleet. Possibly consider using Steve Swasey as he has a boom mower.

**~Discuss and consider approving cell phone stipend for CEO & Fire Chief. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve $90 per quarter per person for a cell phone stipend for the CEO and Fire Chief. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider Cavossa property. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to forgive the lien and interest for the last 3 years on the Cavossa property as 2 lots were never transferred to him. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider Karen Riley using the Grange Hall for Tai Chi. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to allow Tai Chi to take place at the Grange Hall at no cost. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider RFQ for Newry Church sent 8/29/2022. ~**

Deadline is October 4, 2022. Have received one response and expect more to come.

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments are coming in at a good rate. We received 1 more payment on a liened property.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Friday Mike Field will be coming to install heat pumps. Is still waiting for condensers.

Tax payments are coming in. Received 23 returned for wrong address.

Letter sent to Condo Association regarding Tarnow timeshare. They may buy it back for taxes owed. Have 90 days so waiting to see.

Have made first MEPers payment.

Generator has been installed at the Grange Hall and the maintenance agreement has been signed.

Amy and I have Elections training 10/11 and 10/12 in Augusta.

Windows have been ordered but no date to put in.

Looking into a rebate regarding marijuana licensing.

Possibly review Selectmen bylaws at some point.

Efficiency Maine has a grant available to small municipalities for heat pumps and windows, etc. Looking into this.

4 Town meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 5:30PM to 7:00 PM @ THS Library to discuss broadband.

Justin Brown is running for sheriff and sent a letter.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

September 20, 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