Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2024 @ 5:00pm

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

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Rec. Sec.)

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Becky Bean, Rose Lincoln

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**~Renewal of Liquor License-Summit & Jordan~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to renew the liquor license for the Summit and Jordan Hotels. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: Selectman Conkright stated the fire department inherited a set of jaws, cutters and spreaders from the Town of Baldwin.

**Business Agenda:**

**~Cemetery Ordinance approval~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the cemetery ordinance. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Oxford County Hazard Mitigation~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the Oxford County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Update. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~ACO information ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the ACO for $100 per month for being on call and $30 per hour per call plus mileage. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~CPM Constructors~**

Received the bond information from CPM Constructors. Will gladly meet with selectmen; probably once the snow is gone.

**~MDOT Planning Partnership~**

Will continue discussing MDOT Planning Partnership with Bethel. MDOT is recommending a stand-alone cooperative agreement between the towns and MDOT would have the primary state-local three-party agreement between the entities.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

No Report

**Clerk Report:**

Am now writing the Newry column for the Bethel Citizen. Happy to add anything anyone has.

Dogs are due to be licensed by January 31, 2024 to avoid the $25 late fee.

Second installment tax payments are beginning to come in as we are getting closer to March.

Tree Growth is getting a lot more up to date and are gaining on it with people updating their plans.

**TAdmin Report:**

The letter to the landowner went out regarding the solid waste potential site and he came to see me and is not interested in selling.

Will need a special town meeting as we are $80,000 over budget for roads and still have $115,000 left to pay out in our contract to Cross for road plowing in addition to $5,000 approximately for salt. Estimating approximately $50,000 for engineering being needed in the near future as well. This would be $250,000 needed to be voted to come from undesignated funds or possibly use the profits from the church as well. Agreed on date of February 20 at 6pm.

It was decided to dedicate the Town Report to Shaw Brothers, Cross Excavation and Garrett Morton. It was decided the Spirit of America award will go to Charlie Bean.

Did employee evaluations today.

Starting budget for FY2025.

1099s and W2s are done.

Would like to start capital improvement accounts for town buildings and fire department.

Met with FEMA today regarding finalizing the May Storm.

Will work on Special Town Meeting warrant and have ready for selectmen to sign on February 6th.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

February 6, 2024, 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