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THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD AT THE TOWN HALL AT 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Charles Grant called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Selectman Russell Beisiegel and Selectman Thomas Craney.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

a. **NONE**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Charles Grant made a request to add the following under New business:

b. Discussion on Mailbox Ordinance

MOTION #1: Selectman Beisiegel made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda as presented. Selectman Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. February 7, 2018

MOTION #2: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 7, 2018 as presented. Selectman Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF REPORTS:

a. Department of Public Works:

The Public Works crew have been plowing and . We did get the side mower back from Sprague and they mowed Rt 32 this week. In doing so somebody just dropped another load of trash at the end of the road. We called the troop k and they got information on who dump the bags out there. I'm trying to get more information. Selectman Craney suggested if we can put some cameras up in that area? Maybe we can put some signs up that can prevent it from happening again. Truck 5 that's the one we had the coolant disappeared on and now there is possibly a turbo issue. That's plow is in pretty bad shape, that is the one we bought used from Colchester. Thomas Curran repaired it again this week, he changed the angle of the plow. He would like to buy a new plow. I told him to get a quote and we can look into the budget and see if we can. Otherwise the other trucks are holding up well.

b. Financial Report:

First selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the financial reports. Last meeting, we had three items and one of them was a copier that we bought. We are going to continue to see that rise because we are paying for the copier. We got membership to 80% because it was just coded wrong. We are still looking for planning and zoning, we should have an answer by next meeting. Alex email me today for a 3rd extension. They are done auditing the town but she still has to do the state. She asked me how I wanted for them to present it. I went back to last years audit and I came across some of Al's emails. Al had this list of recommendations and I don't know if these were ever done. AL also was making changes in the books and we need to locate those changes. Pati and I are going to look into it. Pati and I are also going to meet with Ed Munser next week to see if we can combine the books (the town and the schools.) I also want to ask Alex to see what she thinks about combining both books. The First Selectman provided a list of all the things that they found from the tax collector. It also goes into how their procedure works, invoice cloud sends an email about the balance, but some of these emails were never opened from November and it backed out the payment. A lot of people were double paying. But we will review the list and finish discussing it at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Update on Regional Animal Control:

We're moving up to NECOG we no longer using the Lebanon. We had a meeting last week. It will be official at the next meeting. We updated the website with new information.

b. Discussion on Plains Rd Culvert Repair: I was approached by Town Engineering and Joe Bouchard and he updated the commentary charts. He brought up the Culvert project and was interesting at bidding for it. We were going to take it from road way budget. I would like to add this to the next year budget. That culvert is falling apart. This would not happen until July or August. We might have money in CIP, I'm going to ask Richard Matters to see if he can give me more information from last years budget. I think Matt did a pretty good job estimating how much it's going to cost to repair the culvert. We would possibly use some of our public work guys to help with the culvert project. I saw his numbers and I thought they were pretty good.

c. Discussion on Rich Lasky (Towns Assessor) Last year Rich Lasky ask for a raise, but **it** was prorated. That budget line item is going to go up 100%. This year he did not ask for a raise. The salary is the same for this year budget request.

MOTION # 3: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to increase last years approve salary which was really $32,760 by 2.7% to the amount that it comes to the current year. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Discussion on Transfer Station:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the transfer Station. I was thinking of opening the transfer station for two weekend a month for March, April, and May for spring clean-up. Only one guy does it. If we do it now and we have a hard time with the budget or maybe curbside bulky waste pick up and see what the price that is It might be more $ because we need two people to do the job. I will make sure to advertise it on Facebook, website, poster, and Lebanon life.

MOTION # 4: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to approve the 3rd Saturday of March, April, and May for spring clean-up at the transfer station until 12:00pm. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. **Discussion on 2018-2019 budget:** First Selectman Charles Grant gave an update on the 2018-2019 budgets. Cindy and I are putting the budget request sheets together. We should have this ready for the next meeting so we can start to review it. A lot of them have not submitted their requests so were just going to fill them out from last year's requests.

c. **Approval of Tax Refund:** Danitza Nall for $64.50

MOTION # 5: Selectman Russell Beisiegel made a motion to approve tax refund as presented. Selectman Thomas Craney seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

John McGuire: I would like say something regarding the financial topic. The whole team has been partnering up and they have been figuring it out quick resolutions. I think they are doing pretty good job. They have been coming in on the weekends and putting in hours to make sure all the numbers add up. They have been very diligent and I think they should be commended. I would also like Charlie to be involved in the golf project, I have taken a lot of trips down there and hopefully everything will start coming together.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION # 6: First Selectman Charles Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Russell Beisiegel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
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