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Greensboro Selectboard

November 8, 2017

Meeting Minutes

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Carpenter, Peter Romans, Michael Lapierre, Sean Thomson

SELECTBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Greaves, Josh Karp, Denise Stuart, Tom Camarra, June Cook, Chief Aaron Cochran, Eric Remick, Danny Hale

CALLED TO ORDER: 6:32 PM

MINUTES

Minutes from October 11 meeting unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC CONCERNS

There were no public concerns this evening.

POLICE

Hardwick Police Dept. Chief Aaron Cochran gave a presentation about the need for a new police officer. Statistics show that crime has steadily been on the increase, which Chief Cochran says is primarily due to the drug problem in the area.

A federal COPS grant has been applied for, which would pay 75% of an entry-level officer's salary for three years. After that, the officer's entire salary must be covered by the HPD budget.

Chief Cochran said that if the grant is received, a new patrol officer would be hired and an existing officer would be promoted to full-time detective. This would free up patrol officers to spend more time out in the community on road and foot patrols, and less time at their desks.

Judy asked if the additional officer would lead to more patrol time in Greensboro. Chief Cochran said that it would.

Hardwick Selectboard member Danny Hale said that the grant would not really help the HPD 'get ahead of the curve', but would be a big step towards 'catching up'.

The HPD hasn't heard whether they've received the grant. The Greensboro and Hardwick Selectboards and Hardwick Town Manager Jon Jewett will work out two versions of a proposed HPD budget – one reflecting receipt of the COPS grant, the other reflecting no grant. Judy and Susan/Peter will represent the Greensboro Selectboard at the meeting.

GREENSBORO FIRE DEPT.

No representative from the Fire Dept. was present, and there was no monthly report to review.

ROADS

- 1. Road Supervisor's Report.** Road Supervisor Tom Camarra reported that the road crew completed grant-funded work on Hanks Hill, as well as temporary repairs to the road that was dug up by the Fire District #1 during an emergency water line repair. Town trucks are ready for snow. Grants for next year are being applied for.
- 2. Radar Speed Signs.** Peter reported that a lightweight, portable, battery powered speed sign could be the way to go. Multiple sets of mounting brackets can be purchased so the unit can be moved around to different sites. It would cost around \$3300. This item may be put in the FY 2019 budget.
- 3. Clearing Snow from Sidewalks.** Michael did some research and suggested that if the Board wants to add sidewalk clearing to the FY 2019 budget, \$45k would be good budget number.

TOWN CLERK – Kim Greaves

1. Kim noted that this was the first year property taxes could be paid via credit card. Some residents took advantage of this, despite an additional fee for this service. The overall process of accepting credit cards worked very well.
2. The Town Assessor job was put out to bid a few months ago, and one bid has been received. The deadline for bids is just prior to the Board's December meeting.

TREASURER – Denise Stuart

1. Budget FY 2018 YTD reviewed by the Board.
2. Denise reported that a new server is needed, possibly even in the current fiscal year (FY 2018). Since there are not funds earmarked for this, the expense would be paid for out of the capital budget. The cost of equipment and installation has been estimated at \$5500. Denise added that the cost of maintaining the town's old server is starting to add up.

Since the new server is estimated to cost more than \$5k, it must be put out to bid. After discussion, Sean agreed to write the bid specifications, and bids will then be solicited.
3. Denise noted that due to an oversight, the moving of \$33k from the capital budget to the HERF account wasn't included in the warning for last year's town meeting. Since this item wasn't voted on, these funds can't be moved. Denise reminded the Board that this item should be included in the warning every year.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Town Hall Painting Bid. References were checked, with no bad references found. Sean made the following motion:

The Board accepts Gary Russell's bid of \$7500 for painting the E. and W. exterior walls of the Town Hall, contingent on an up-to-date lead certification which must be submitted to the town immediately.

Judy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Kingdom Games.** Phil White, director of Kingdom Games, requested approval to hold a swim meet on Caspian Lake on August 18, 2018. The Board unanimously approved the event. This will be the event's seventh year.
- 2. Library Septic System.** The library's septic system is having some issues and members of the library Board are wondering who's responsibility a fix would be – the library's or the Town's? The Selectboard agreed this would likely fall under the category of a 'repair' and as such, the library would be responsible.
- 3. December Meeting.** The Board unanimously agreed to change the December meeting date from Dec. 13 to Dec. 20, due to Board members being away.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judy made the following motion:

The Board will enter executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss the Greensboro Award, with Kim Greaves present.

Mike seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Board left executive session at 8:25 PM and took no action.

ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted: Josh Karp, Selectboard Clerk