

TOWN OF TUNBRIDGE

Tuesday January 24, 2023 at 6:00pm via Zoom and Town Offices

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

Present: Mike McPhetres, Mariah Cilley, John O'Brien, Maryann Caron, Gary Mullen, Brenda Field, Mike Tarrant, Maureen McCullough, Laura Ginsburg, Todd Tyson, Frances Mize, Alex Spring, Elizabeth Brown, Fern Strong, Billie Smith

Executive Session- Echeverria Lawsuit Case

The board addressed the first agenda item regarding the new lawsuit filed by Mr. Echeverria. Mullen indicated that the town should speak with its attorney before making any decisions. McPhetres made a motion to find that premature general knowledge of the town's response to the lawsuit before speaking with its attorney would place the town at a substantial disadvantage. O'Brien seconded it. Passed unanimously. McPhetres made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the new lawsuit and receive attorney advice. O'Brien seconded it. Passed unanimously.

McPhetres makes a motion to end executive session. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved

Made no decisions in executive session. We have been presented a waiver of service in the Echeverria Lawsuit. O'Brien makes a motion to instruct our attorneys to accept the waiver of service. McPhetres seconds. All aye. So moved.

Road Report- via Mike McPhetres

Thomas Hoyt and Jim Ware both have Covid. Ware was able to come in during the storm and help plow. Tom Hoyt came in to run the ton truck. They are getting by okay. Still having with Larry's trucks wiring. Need to figure out what to pay the hired crew that came in. Matt Loftus, Tom Hoyt and Sonny are on call and are coming in as needed. McPhetres makes a motion to pay our part time help this winter \$30/hr and if they reach 40 hours in a week they will make time and a half. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. Hoyt is getting some prices on new trucks.

ARPA Application Discussion #2

Caron goes over the full applications that were received and gives the Selectboard a briefing on those applications.

Questions that Caron has for the Selectboard are: If people do not submit a cost with the application are we even considering it? The Selectboard states that if there is no cost associated with it how are we unable to decide if we want to give money. Caron asks if people had submitted the letter of intent but no application are we going to disregard those items as well? The Selectboard says yes. The request amount is at \$566,651.00 and the current uncommitted amount is \$277,850.00.

Caron wonders how we want to move forward with the assessment and how she can help make the decision process easier for the Selectboard.

Tyson asks if people from out of town can be considered for the application even if they are not Tunbridge residents. Selectboard says yes if it is going to serve the community.

Field gives an update to the grant she is working on.

Town Hall Rental Agreement Update

Cilley updated the rental hall agreement per Judy Howe's request. Small changes about number of people and deposits. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the approval. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Approval of Town Meeting Warning

The Selectboard goes over the Town Meeting Warning. Cilley will specify a few more articles on the warning. McPhetres makes a motion to accept the Warning with the changes. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved.

Other Business:

Mullen will talk to the town crew about plowing behind the library.

Mary Fisk asked Mullen if there could be flags for North Tunbridge. Mullen will count the poles and see how many we need to order.

Maryann Caron asks who is in charge of the lights on the Strafford Road Bridge? Cilley will call VTrans.

Approve Warrants:

McPhetres makes a motion to let Mullen sign the orders. O'Brien seconds. All aye. So moved. All warrants were signed and approved.

Approve Minutes:

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

McPhetres makes a motion to adjourn. O'Brien seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Gary Mullen, Chair

Mike McPhetres, Vice Chair

John O'Brien, Clerk