BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2022

PRESENT: Mr. David Pierce; Vice-Chairman and Roland Sickenberger, Clerk and Eric von Bleicken
ATTENDEES:

Called meeting to Order at 6:00 PM

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Newly elected member, Eric von Bleicken has not been sworn as of this evening, therefore will not participate in any vote this evening.

Motion to name Mr. Pierce as Chairman made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mr. Pierce – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention
Motion to name Mr. Sickenberger as Vice-Chair made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. Sickenberger – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention
Motion to name Mr. von Bleicken as Clerk made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mr. Pierce – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention

With a recent post to Facebook regarding the recent town election results, Mr. Sickenberger has requested to be allowed to draft a letter in response to address some of the statements contained within the post. All were in agreement.

BUDGET MEETING WITH ADVISORY

The Board met with members of Advisory this evening to review the Selectmen's budget. First, was the Executive Secretary's salary. Last fiscal year there was an error in calculations (shortfall). The issue was that the contractual 2% increase split over two fiscal years (8/4 months) with two different rates. This year (FY22) will be short $97.00. Numbers were calculated ($59,949/$60,343). The $59,949 is what is being presented to the voters. Other lines were held at 2%.

A brief discussion took place regarding the Treasurers position and the number of call members on the Fire Department. The Board of Selectmen approved keeping the number where they are. A discussion also took place regarding the Highway Superintendents salary and the possibility of providing a contract for him. No votes were taken on that issue this evening.

The Board of Selectmen left the Advisory meeting at this time.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Sickenberger; second: Mr. Pierce at 7:12 PM – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Roland Sickenberger, Clerk
7/12/22
Date Approved