BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2022

PRESENT: Mr. David Pierce; Vice-Chairman and Eric von Bleicken, Clerk
ABSENT: Mr. Roland Sickenberger
ATTENDEES: Captain Rich Lapierre, Mary Beth Czaja, Benny Benson, Lester Paquette and Kathy Landry

Called meeting to Order at 6:05 PM

WATER DEPARTMENT – McCLURE ENGINEERING

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the options presented by council regarding the next steps moving forward with the Leland Road Project, specifically the options of entering into a contract. With new council taking the lead, Atty. White has requested detailed invoices that line up with the Professional Services Agreement. Ms. Landry will contact Kara Laporte at McClure Engineering in the morning to advise her. Once received, counsel can then provide a contract to the Board to consider for work up to and through the scope of services if they choose to go that route. This contract will also provide wording for the proper protection to the town. This will not however include any of the SCADA elements. The SCADA will be a separate scope of services with the proper vetting under c.30B.

YEAR END APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint the individuals as noted and highlighted in Attachment A made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Pierce – unanimous.

ARPA FUNDS – ESSENTIAL WORKER PAY – TABLED

MINUTES – TABLED

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The office received a letter of recommendations from the LWPA for members for consideration for appointment to the newly formed Lake Wickaboag Management Committee. They are as follows:

Dave Healey, David Mazzarese, Reed Savary, Al Collings, and Jay Czaja

In light of the recommendations and seeing that the above-named individuals have continuously and faithfully been volunteering their time to the lake, many for decades, the following motion was made: ***Motion to appoint the recommended members of the LWPA as presented made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Pierce – unanimous.***

The office received notice from John Hicks that he will be retiring from is position as Lieutenant of the Fire Department effective July 1, 2022. ***Motion to accept his resignation with regrets made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Pierce – unanimous.***

The office received notice that the Town of West Brookfield will be receiving $230,549 in Chapter 90 funding for FY 23.
Noted

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No's 22 P 26 and 22 P 27* dated June 28, 2022, in the amounts of $77,154.30 and $47,110.32 respectively made by Mr. Pierce; second: Mr. von Bleicken – unanimous. (*final payroll of FY 22)

Captain Lapierre asked to briefly address the Board this evening. He and Deputy Chief Santos visited the Brimfield Fire Department last week and looked at a truck that they are going to be selling. The price is $30K and although not ideal to their needs, it would plug the gap for the time being. This truck is similar to Engine 2. He is looking for the Board's support to pursuing this matter. The Board was in agreement. Also, FEMA is approximately 4-6 weeks away from announcing grants.

He also expressed a deep concern about the lack of communication from the Accounting Office. The Board stated that they would address the matter. Captain Lapierre thanked the Board for their time.

Next Meeting Date: July 12, 2022 – 6 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. von Bleicken; second: Mr. Pierce at 6:41 PM – unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Executive Secretary

Eric von Bleicken, Clerk

07/12/2022
Date Approved