

**Union - Board of Selectmen & Assessor's Meeting**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**6:00 p.m. Executive Session**

**6:30 p.m. BOS Meeting**

**Selectmen present:** Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey

**Others present:** Jay Feyler, Terry Brackett & Bruce Cobb: Budget Committee, Jesse Thompson: Ambulance Chief.

**1. Call Executive Session to order: 6:03 p.m.**

Motion by: John Shepard to open Executive Session

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**2. Executive Session Poverty Abatement 36 MRSA \$841 (2) E**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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Motion by: Jim Justice to close Executive Session

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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Executive Session closed at 6:11 p.m.

**3. Action from Executive Session if any motion to deny**

Motion by: John Shepard to deny the poverty abatement application due to incomplete information

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**4. Call Selectmen's meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.**

**5. Pledge of Allegiance**

**6. Public Comment**

**7. Approve minutes of January 2, 2018**

Motion by Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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1 abstained

**8. Ambulance Budget Presentation – Ambulance Chief Jesse Thompson:**

Jesse Thompson presented two different 2018 budget proposals to the Board:

He provided the Board with statistical data pertaining to current staff on duty, as well as call volume within Union and the surrounding towns that Union serves, stating that the call volume has increased in the past few years. The budget proposal has not increased that much, except for keeping wages above the mandated minimum wage.

Discussion: Jim would like to see percentages in the future when working with payroll charts. Greg asked about contracting with other towns and how the increase and/or decrease would be calculated. Jay stated that the cost per town will be formulated in November, depending on which proposal is chosen.

Motion by: Jim Justice to tentatively approve Plan B until budget is approved

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**9. Set Election Dates for 2018:**

Motion by Lyle Cramer to accept election dates

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**10. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated January 16, 2018**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

Discussion: Sarah asked about the cost of two generators. Jay stated that they could not get one large unit and they needed an extra unit to get the air compressor to operate. They did receive a municipal discount and could get money back on both units. John asked about the \$500.00 fee for a towing charge. Jay stated that was the towing charge for the International when it broke down in Topsham while in route to get parts in Lewiston.

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**11. Town Manager's Report –**

Jay stated that the 2015 International has an injector that needs replacing. Due to the nature of the equipment the other injector will most likely need to be replaced. The vehicle does have a 72-month warranty. Because equipment tends to break down, he stated that the town needs to

find a used truck because the town cannot always rely on 3 trucks. He has been looking, and the approximate cost would be \$50,000.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to authorize up to \$50,000 for a spare truck

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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Jay stated that the sand pile is depleting due to the duration of the last few storms. Union has used about 2/3 of their product which is an accurate percentage. More sand will be delivered this week.

Potential applicants are still being interviewed for public works. There seems to be one suitable candidate who has experience in several facets of the industry.

Jay would like to see an Easter egg hunt in town this year. He would like to order pre-filled eggs for a minimal amount of money. A decision will need to be made where and when it will take place. Volunteers will be needed.

## **12. Other business**

### **13. Selectmen's Report:**

John mentioned the Tri-County meeting next Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 at the Liberty Town Office.

Greg stated that there is once again snow predicted for the evening of the scheduled Town Meeting. He feels strongly that the Board should postpone again for the safety of the residents. Motion by: Lyle Cramer to make a motion at the scheduled town meeting to postpone the vote until Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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## **14. Future Agenda Items**

### **15. Adjourn**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Patrick