

Town of Oakham

Board of Selectmen

Regular Session

Minutes of April 5th, 2021

Present: Bradford Taylor, *Chairman*; Lucy Tessnau, *Vice Chairman*; Don Haapakoski, *Clerk*

In attendance: Paul Rochette, Finance Committee; Thomas Hughes, Emergency Management Director; Thomas Wilson, Town Accountant; Samantha Bodine, Library Director

Meeting opened at 6:00 PM by Chairman, Bradford Taylor

The meeting is also being broadcast via Zoom as a remote option

Town Accountant; new software follow-up:

Town Accountant, Tom Wilson stated that the grant they received for the Accounting software is for \$50,000 and the total cost of the project comes in at \$39,500. This was broken down by software for the Accountant at \$15,500 and for the town Treasurer at \$24,000. Tom stated that the remaining amount will be to cover the cost of training, which is broken down to \$6500 for the Accountant training and \$7500 for the Treasurer/Collector. Tom stated that due to the timing of everything they will need to keep the old software for the Treasurer Collector and Town Accountant. He said the old company should be able to prorate the fee and return some of the money, if they switch over mid. Fiscal Year.

Lucy asked if the Assessors software was also being upgraded.

Tom stated that it is not. He said the Assessors software is a separate thing and Vison is really the only one typically used, which is what they currently have.

Open Warrant for Annual Town Meeting:

Brad made a motion to open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting and to have it close on Monday, May 3rd at 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Don and voted in favor.

Old Business:

Lucy asked if there has been any follow up on the Chapter 90 projects and if they would like to plan a site visit to East Hill Road still. Brad stated that he needs to speak to the Highway Superintendent this week and he will see what his schedule is so they can set that up.

Don stated that the police department submitted their first quarterly report and they did a nice job on it. He also asked Brad if the wrecked cruiser had been listed yet on Munici-bid. Brad said that it was not and he will follow up with Fred again on that.

Don asked if the equipment from the Fire Department that sold had been picked up yet. It was stated that the equipment had not been picked up but was being offered to the next bidder.

Lucy stated that April 16th will be the Grab and Go lunches for the seniors. She also stated that the Fire Department received an \$8500 grant for turnout gear and the new speed signs from the police department grant have been set up around town.

Brad stated that they are in the process of appointing a new building inspector, following some confusion with the initial interim appointment.

Don stated that they need to start looking at setting up a committee to begin researching a new town hall. The other members agreed and Lucy suggested getting a member of Finance, a member from the Board of Selectmen, a planning board member and then 6 members of the community. There was a brief discussion and the board agreed to start seeing what there was for interest.

Public Comment/Correspondence:

Library Director Samantha Bodine stated that she wanted to see if there is any interest in working to provide more information to the residents re: the operations of town government. Samantha stated that the library would be willing to coordinate

something, she also asked Brad if he was willing to participate in a candidate's night for the upcoming election, which will also be hosted by the library. There was a brief discussion regarding some different options.

Brad stated that most of the time people are upset about things that are misunderstandings. He also stated that he will participate in the candidate's night.

Meeting Minutes & Payroll Warrant Approval:

Brad made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/22/2021, as written, the motion was seconded by Don and voted in favor.

Brad made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/29/2021, as written, the motion was seconded by Don and voted in favor.

Brad made a motion to approve Payroll Warrant 21-21, the motion was seconded by Lucy and voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

Next regular meeting: April 20, 2021 at 6:00PM