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WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 4, 2022
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Preliminary Minutes

Present: James Andretta, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones, Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the payroll warrants of September 23 and September 30, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of September 27 and October 4, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards

Town Manager Dennis Simmons reported that the employee appreciation cookout, dancing on the dock and fundraiser were a success and raised \$1220 for 12-year-old Angelina Crawford, a stroke victim. Katy Ruzckij accepted the gift for Angelina.

Sarah Whitfield read a note from the Police Department expressing its gratitude for the employee appreciation cookout and for support of the department.

Terry Heller thanked the chair and Town Manager for organizing the cookout for the employees.

5. Committee Appointments

Terry Heller moved to accept with regret the resignation of Kathy Martin-Savage from the Budget Committee and expressed thanks for her service. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearings

a. **Special Amusement Permit-Richard and Vanessa Jordan, DBA Wiscasset Speedway, LLC: Bill Maloney moved to open the public hearing for the Special Amusement Permit for Richard and Vanessa Jordan, DBA Wiscasset Speedway, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.** The public hearing opened at 6:07 p.m. Erin Bean, Chief of EMS, said calls to the speedway have increased and the department has had to call for mutual aid seven

times this year. The speedway has EMS on standby, but they will not transport, leaving Wiscasset EMS to transport. Transporting patients to Maine Med in Portland (as local hospitals will not take patients from the speedway) takes four hours from the EMS schedule. Cost for other ambulance services to cover for Wiscasset EMS is \$800. Bean asked whether the speedway could hire an ambulance service that could transport patients to Portland, as the current situation is costly to the town. Dennis Simmons said that even if the speedway had its own ambulance, Wiscasset EMS would still have to cover when the track's ambulance was transporting. He said the EMS concerns were valid and since the speedway is part of the town, it was entitled to coverage by the EMS. He said discussions on the matter will be needed, but that is not a reason to hold up approval of the license.

Vanessa Jordan, Wiscasset Speedway, said she had not been aware of the problem and was willing to discuss solutions with the town. She said that in the past the speedway had a contract with the town for EMS coverage as well as its onsite EMS, but that was discontinued because of lack of staff. She said she would be willing to work with the town and was confident a solution could be worked out.

Terry Heller moved to close the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Terry Heller moved to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Richard and Vanessa Jordan, DBA Wiscasset Speedway, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk thanked Dennis Simmons for his offer of assistance in setting up the Lincoln County News forum for candidates.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair – none

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business

a. FY '22 Carry Forward Requests: Dennis Simmons said that the voters had authorized the use of funds left over from the past fiscal year and he submitted a list of items to be covered by the leftover funds, mostly fuel and supplies. If the funds are not spent, they will carry over to the next fiscal year. He mentioned, in particular, the Public Works garage doors and the clock tower that needed repair. **Dusty Jones moved to approve the carryover request as presented in the amount of \$310,783.81. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Bureau of Justice Assistance – Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award: Simmons said the shelf life of a bulletproof vest is seven years and the grant would pay for half of the cost of replacing the vests. **Bill Maloney moved to accept the award from the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership through the Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$1,275. Vote 5-0-0. Terry Heller moved to take \$1,275 out of ARPA funds for these bulletproof vests. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Bid openings

The following bids were received:

2015 Ford Explorer (minimum bid \$5,000)

- Ringwood Motors \$3,800.00
- Kathleen and Darryl Onorato \$6,280.99

Terry Heller moved to authorize the Town Manager and Public Works Director to review the bids and offer the sale of the 2015 Ford Explorer to the highest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.

2008 Ford F-550 – no bids were received.

d. Correspondence

- Town of Georgetown: The chair read a letter from the Town of Georgetown expressing gratitude for the response of the Wiscasset Fire Department when mutual aid was required for a brush fire on August 13.

e. Dance on Dock Benefit – see 4 above.

11. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons said the Town Office would be closed on Monday, October 10, for the holiday.

12. Other Board Business

a. Assessors' Abatements

- Gerald Seigars, Map U11, Lot 3, \$6,668.57. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Gerald Seigars for Map U11, Lot 3 in the amount of \$6,668.57 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**
- Harvey Johnson, Real Estate Account #2693, \$60.36. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Harvey Johnson, Real Estate. Account #2693 in the amount of \$60.36. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Assessors' Supplements

- Bou Barn, LLC, Map U11, Lot 3 \$6668.57. **Terry Heller moved to approve the supplemental for Bou Barn, LLC for Map U11, Lot 3 in the amount of \$6,668.57 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**
- Shawn Barnes, Map R03, Lot 29B, \$941.91. **Terry Heller moved to approve the supplemental for Shawn Barnes for Map R03, Lot 29B in the amount of \$941,91 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**
- Shawn Barnes, Map R03, Lot 38A, \$4,491.88. **Terry Heller moved to approve the supplemental for Shawn Barnes for Map R03, Lot 38-A in the amount of \$4,491.88 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Executive Session for the discussion of economic development

At 6:34 p.m., Terry Heller moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Vote 5-0-0.

Bill Maloney moved to exit Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

13. Adjournment

Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.