

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2018**

PRESENT: Mr. Marc W. Richard; Chairman, Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Vice-Chairman and Mr. John Nason, Clerk

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Richard opened the Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Colleen Montague and Michael Baril is in attendance and acknowledged their taping of this evening's meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the minutes of November 15, 2018 and November 19, 2018 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received a letter of concern with signatures from the residents of Town Farm Road regarding the ongoing noise generated by Palmer Motor Sports Track. They are looking for any assistance that Warren can offer in order to mitigate the situation. – **Noted. The office will send a letter to Palmer officials stating the board's concerns for our residents.**
2. The office received the quote from WCAT TV 12 for the replacement of their new video server controller. The price is \$34,029.66 and will come from their fees and will not have any effect on the taxpayers. – Noted. Motion to allow WCAT TV12 to expend \$34,029.66 from franchise fees for the purchase and installation of a new video server controller as presented made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.
3. The office received a formal resignation letter from Det. Von Dauber from the Police Department. – **Noted.**
4. The office received the monthly report of the Fire Chief for the month of November 2018. – **Noted.**

NEBPA LOCAL 195 – 1 YEAR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Motion to ratify the 1 Year MOA by and between the Town of Warren and the NEBPA, Local 195 for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Nardi due to absence)

TOM BOUDREAU – DISCUSSION ON LOADER

Mr. Boudreau advised the Board this evening that one of his full-time employees submitted his letter of resignation from the department to pursue other employment. His last day with the town will be December 14, 2018. He (Boudreau) stated that he will begin the process of advertising to fill the position.

Just to summarize, Mr. Boudreau addressed the ongoing issue of the 1996 loader which is no longer operable. He has made arrangements with an outside contractor for his piece of equipment until the town can come to some resolution. The cost of a new machine runs from \$146,300.00 to \$154,000.00. Out of the three models he has tested, (CAT, John Deere and Volvo), he and his crew prefer the CAT. Prices to rent/lease such a machine vary from \$4,400.00, \$5,300.00 to \$7,500.00 per month. This piece of equipment has been on the Capital Planning schedule for some time now and was originally slated to be replaced in 2020. The quotes that Mr. Boudreau has received are from vendors on the state's vetted bid list. Mr. Nardi did remind him to be mindful of Ch. 30B. After a discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to support an Article at the STM for the purchase of a NEW loader made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous. Mr. Boudreau will supply additional information and the request for the article to the office.

TANKO LIGHTING – 1 YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion to approve and sign the 1-year contract extension for the maintenance agreement made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant number 42 dated November 19, 2018 in the amount of \$145,651.23 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 43 & 44 dated November 26, 2018 in the amounts of \$37,671.38 & \$140,743.67 respectively made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant numbers 45 & 46 dated December 3, 2018 in the amounts of \$48,401.12 & \$73,121.94 made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Chief Lavoie wanted to make the Board aware that his department has seen a sharp increase in the call volume for the ambulance service. He is anticipating anywhere from a 12% to 18% increase in 2018. This service is being provided to the residents with staffing levels that are less than ideal. The full-time FF/EMT position that he lost in 2010 has never been filled however with staffing as it is, he may need to discuss filling it again during the upcoming budget season.

Mrs. Soltys asked Mr. Boudreau if there was a problem with one of the trucks as it is on their (Finance) agenda later in the week. Outside of the 1991 truck (#2), he is unaware, nor was he informed that it was on their agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to an error in the tax calculations, the Board of Assessors have requested that the Board sign a new LA-5 Form for the DOR which will reflect an increase in the anticipated tax rate which was previously discussed at \$18.00 to \$18.15. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to sign a new LA-5 Form as requested by the Board of Assessors which reflects a tax rate at \$18.15 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi thanked the FOTTH for their efforts with their recent pie sale. Mr. Richard advised all that the Solar Advisory Committee along with the Planning Board will be holding a hearing on December 20th to discuss a possible moratorium on solar projects and finally Mr. Nason thanked all who participated and attended the town's annual tree lighting ceremony.

Next Regular Meeting Date: December 18, 2018 at 7 PM.

Motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c30A, Section 21(a)(2), to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Chief of Police) made by Mr. Nason; second; Mr. Nardi – unanimous. Roll Call -3 Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

John Nason, III, Clerk

