

**CONWAY VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Thursday January 30, 2020
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 4:48 p.m.

Commissioners present: Steve Bamsey, Michael Digregorio, Tom Buco

Others present: Amy Snow- Municipal Bookkeeper, Superintendent Steve Anderson, Chief Solomon

Absent:

Public:

SUPERINTENDANT'S BUSINESS

Mr. Anderson presented a sewer abatement for 641 White Mountain Highway for \$4,080.02. The details of the letter that accompanied the sewer abatement detailing how long the leak has been going on were discussed. The District policy states that a sewer abatement can only go back one quarter. Mr. Anderson witnessed the leak and provided a video for commissioners to review. After a discussion around the part that broke allowing the leak and how long the leak was going on, it was decided to approve the abatement for one quarter.

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to approve the sewer abatement as presented, Mr. Buco seconded the motion; The motion passed 3-0-0.

Discussion ensued around meter pits and where they are.

Mr. Anderson informed commissioners that Mr. Gagnon (NCWP Superintendent) has reached out to him and he has been in contact with Paul D and Gary Chandler, and they would like to put together a letter of support for House Bill 1160 referencing Municipal Occupancy Fee it would allow local municipal government to pass an ordinance and collect a two-dollar fee on room rentals. Chief Solomon explained the bill and feels the bill in its current format still needs work and does not support voting for it. He feels it should encompass campgrounds and other entities that incur a rooms and meals tax. The details are not clear yet as to who or how the money would be collected and the law states the money collected needs to go back into a capital reserve fund, revolving fund or other special revenue fund to be used for expenses towards a towns infrastructure associated with the increase in tourism and transient traffic (See attached). Discussion ensued around if Conway Village Fire District would qualify to collect the room fee and what business in the District would qualify for the fee and if the bill should have an amendment added that would benefit Conway Village Fire District. The bill refers to towns and cities.

It was decided that the position of the board is not to support the bill in its current form. Additional language would have to be added that would benefit Conway Village Fire District. The suggested language would be around municipal services regarding fire and ambulance, police, water, and sewer infrastructure.

The project of the week has been demoing the caustic soda tank at the well yard.

FIRE CHIEFS BUSINESS

Chief Solomon made a minor change in the operating budget, decreasing it by \$81.00 due to a typo.

The SUV warrant article has been reduced from \$80,000 to \$65,000.00, with \$55,000 coming from capital reserve and \$10,000 coming from taxation. The reduction is due to not being able to find a contractor who can equip the SUV. The Chief will be doing the outfitting of the vehicle. Mr. Digregorio questioned if \$65,000 was enough for everything that will be needed to outfit the SUV and if a little more should be budgeted just in case

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more money would be needed. Chief Solomon responded that the vehicle is \$35,000, and he itemized all that he thought he would need and added a 3% contingency for any help and incidentals that he may need. Discussion ensued around Ossipee Mountain Equipment not being able to get to the SUV till fall, and they are the most expensive. Chief said it would take him three days to do it. Commissioners shared the concern around if the Chief had the time to do the project. There was further discussion around if Ted (former OME employee) should be hired to help the Chief. It was agreed that Chief Solomon would reach out to him to get a quote to see what a couple of day's works would cost. Mr. Digregorio would like to increase the warrant \$2,000. It was agreed to leave the warrant at \$65,000.00.

BOOKKEEPERS BUSINESS

Mrs. Snow handed out the budget hearing book for commissioners to review for typos and accuracy. The books will be reviewed at next week's meeting. Discussion ensued around tax rate details and evaluations.

Annual meeting the poles open at 5:00 p.m. and the business portion starts at 7:00 p.m.

The transmittal for Health Trust had to be resigned.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- a. Ratify Payroll Manifest and sign checks for week ending 1/26/2020
- b. Ratify A/P Manifest and sign checks dated 1/29/2020
- c. Approval and signing of Supervisors' timesheets for week ending 1/26/2020
- d. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 1/23/2020

Mr. Buco made a motion to approve items A and B, motion seconded by; Mr. Digregorio

Discussion:

Underwood- \$14,454.57 is for the Main St. project.

Albany Service Center- \$117.50 for the ambulance. The check engine light is a warranty item and will go to Crest to be checked out.

Granite State Rural Water- \$50.00 for detecting leaks.

There was an engaging discussion around detecting leaks and water that is unaccounted for due to leaks that we are not billing for. Mr. Digregorio questioned how much the best leak detection equipment in the industry would cost. Mr. Anderson responded around \$25,000-\$30,000. Mr. Digregorio asked Mr. Anderson to come up with an amount that it cost the district in unbillable water due to leaks for next week's meeting.

Health Trust- \$25,267.63

Pine Point Fire Training- \$30.00 was for a class on putting out fires when you are shorthanded.

Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Bamsey made a motion to approve and sign the Superintendent's and Fire Chiefs' timesheets for week ending 1/26/2020, seconded by Mr. Buco; Discussion: Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Digregorio made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated 1/23/20 as written, motion seconded by Mr. Buco; Motion passed 3-0-0.

The next commissioners, the meeting will be 2/6/2020 at 4:45 p.m.

The Budget Hearing will be 2/11/2020 at 7:00 p.m. with at commissioners meeting to follow.

There will be no commissioners meeting on 2/13/20.

Meeting adjourned without objection at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc Receptionist

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