

# MINUTES FROM 01/24/2017 6PM BUDGET MEETING AND 7PM REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Tyler Gotshall, Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Chuck Pease, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Terry Tatro, Darwin Cameron

## 6PM – OPEN BUDGET MEETING

- Called to order at 6pm by Chairman, Tyler Gotshall.
- ADJUST AGENDA (if needed):
  - No Adjustments.
- BUDGET WORK:
  - Revenues for the General Fund were inserted.
  - Expenses for the General Fund were reviewed.
  - Highway Fund revenues and expenses were reviewed.
  - Tabled until the final budget meeting set for 01/27/2017 to begin at 6PM.
- VISITOR INPUT:
  - No visitor input.
- ADJOURN:
  - *At 7:02pm Alton Bruso motioned to adjourn – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – budget meeting adjourned.*

## 7PM - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

- Called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman, Tyler Gotshall.
  - ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):
    - Adjustment #1 - Tyler asked to add a discussion about an outside audit.
    - Adjustment #2 – Clerk asked to add a discussion about the Town Report dedication page.
  - Adjustment #3 - Chuck Pease asked that “accountability for elected officials” be moved to the end and that it take place in Executive Session.

➤ NEW BUSINESS:

- Bethany Remmers – Clean Water Act - Municipal responsibilities –
  - Bethany was unable to attend.
  - Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 02/14/2017.
- Update on the Streetscape Project –
  - Bethany was unable to attend.
  - Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 02/14/2017.
- Accountability of Elected Officials –
  - Moved to the end of the agenda.
- New pricing for Unifirst –
  - Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 02/14/2017.
  - Request Bing be present to provide his input.
- Photo submissions for cover of Town Report-
  - Several photos of various subjects were submitted.
  - *Tyler Gotshall motioned the winter photo of the Islands in the Sun Senior Center, submitted by Connie Boutin be on the cover of the Town Report and that it be printed in color – seconded by Alton Brusio – all in favor – motion carried.*

➤ VISITOR INPUT:

- Adjustment #1 - Tyler asked to add a discussion about an outside audit.
  - The Board discussed scheduling for an outside auditing company to audit the fiscal year of 2015/2016.
  - They discussed asking Northwest Regional Planning to assist with the RFP (request for proposal) process.

- *Chuck Pease motioned that an outside audit of fiscal year 2015/2016 be done and that Northwest Regional Planning be contacted about assisting with the RFP process – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*
- Adjustment #2 – Clerk asked to add a discussion about the Town Report dedication page.
  - A couple of suggestions were made about the dedication page for the Town Report. Joanie Krizer was suggested as was Barbara Baker and all past Clerks.
  - *Chuck Pease motioned to dedicate this year’s Town Report to Joanie Krizer for her years of service as Animal Control Officer – seconded by Alton Brusio – Three (3) in favor – one (1) abstained – motion carried.*

➤ TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS

- No tabled topics.

➤ OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES

- Topics/motions from 01/18/2017 Transfer Station meeting – ratification.
  - 01/18/2017 meeting was not properly warned therefor all actions taken at that meeting need ratification.
  - *Tyler Gotshall motioned to ratify motions made at the 01/18/2017 Transfer Station meeting – seconded by Alton Brusio – all in favor – motion carried.*
  - Tyler informed the Board that a piston in one of the compactors at the Transfer Station was damaged and that with the Boards approval, the Highway department would be willing to remove the broken piston and bring it to Munson’s to be repaired.
  - *Chuck Pease motioned to ask the employees of the Highway department to take the piston off the compactor at the Transfer Station and arrange to have it repaired by Munson – seconded by Tyler Gotshall – all in favor – motion carried.*

- Pending/ensuing litigation – update.
  - Terry Tatro and the Town of Alburgh were taken to small claims court about a delinquency on property taxes that caused the property located at 418 U.S. Route #2 South to be scheduled for a tax sale.
  - The Plaintiff's claim was that Terry defaulted on an arrangement that had been made and that they should only be required to pay the principal amount of the taxes that were remaining.
  - The plaintiff's asked that the penalty and interest for the past due taxes and attorney fees for tax sale preparation be waived.
  - The judge's decision was to dismiss all fees except the remaining principle amount of the taxes.
  - All parties agree that the attorney should be paid as he did the work for a tax sale on the property.
  - *Tyler Gotshall motioned that the Town pay attorney, Scott Bortzfield the amount of \$77.40 for the work that he did on the tax sale of the property located at 418 U.S. Route #2 South – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried*

➤ APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- 01/10//2017 SELECTBOARD MEETING
  - *Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/10/2017 Selectboard meeting – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried.*
- 01/11/2017 BUDGET MEETING
  - *Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/11/2017 Budget meeting – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried.*
- 01/18/2017 TRANSFER STATION MEETING
  - *Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from the 01/18/2017 Transfer Station meeting – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried.*

- APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:
  - All overweight permits approved and signed by the Road Commissioner
  - All invoices approved and signed
- Adjustment #3 - Chuck Pease asked that “accountability for elected officials” be moved to the end and that it take place in Executive Session.

At 8:15pm Chuck Pease motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of employee review – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.

- *At 8:48pm Bobby Creller motioned to come out of Executive Session – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session.*
- No action taken.

- ADJOURN:
  - *At 8:55pm Bobby Creller motioned to adjourn – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*

**Respectfully submitted,  
Donna L. Bohannon  
Alburgh Town Clerk**

**Please note the above minutes HAVE NOT been approved. Approval or changes to the minutes will be addressed at the next meeting, currently scheduled for 14 February 2017**

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