**MINUTES FROM 01/05/2015 MEETING FOR**

**FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET**

**PRESENT:** Alton Bruso, Linda Gotshall, Lee Kimball (via phone in), Steve Aubin arrived at 6:55pm, Donna L. Bohannon, Clerk

**GUESTS:** Ray Allen, Grand Isle County Sheriffs Department

**6:05pm – OPEN MEETING:** At 6pm, in Chairman Aubin’s absence, Alton Bruso called the meeting to order

**ADJUST AGENDA (**if needed)**:** No adjustments needed

**RAY ALLEN – Sheriff’s Department request:**

* Sheriff Allen shared that in October, the Grand Isle County Sheriff’s Department was awarded the National Sheriff’s Association Top Traffic Safety Award. The department was one of only two that won this award, the other being Oklahoma County Sheriff’s Department in Oklahoma.
* Sheriff Allen also informed the Board that GICSD will be expanding on the marine division. At this time, they have 2 jet skis, and an 18foot single engine boat. They will be receiving a boat from the State Police to add to the marine division.
* Border Patrol has been working with the department on “Operation Stonegarden” which is a program is to enhance coordination among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to secure the borders with Mexico, Canada, and international waters.
* The Department is requesting $96,096.00 in funding for the fiscal year 2017. This is based on an increase of two hours per week and $1.50 per hour rate. Total patrol hours for Alburgh will be 42 at the rate of $44.00 per hour.
* There is a deputy that is working under a 24 hour per week grant and Sheriff Allen does not charge for his time when he is called out.
* Sheriff Allen started a property watch program last year. If property owners are going to be away from their home for a length of time, they can ask the department to check on their property. One of the deputies will visit the property a couple of times per week to make sure that it is secure. This is done at no cost.
* Donations that are received benefit R&R Kids Camp which is based at the Folsom School in South Hero.
* Alburgh’s new principal, Jim Ross, is working with the Sheriff’s Department.
* Sheriff Allen praised the Alburgh Fire and Rescue Department as one of the best.
* If residents have any questions or concerns, he will gladly come to more meetings and address those questions or concerns.

 **BUDGET WORK:**

* There was some work done on the General Fund budget.
* No motions were made or actions taken.
* A tentative date for Wednesday, January 13th was discussed – no definitive date was set.

**VISITOR INPUT:**

* No visitor input.

**ADJOURN:**

* *At 8:38pm Steve Aubin motioned to adjourn – seconded by Linda Gotshall – 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 January 12th, 2016.