

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Approved Minutes  
November 14, 2017

**PRESENT:** Chairman Edward Sauer, Selectman Mary Grenier, Selectman Everett Thurber and Ingrid Bjork,  
Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chief Deputy Wilson, Jim Beard, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, Jim Richards, Barbara Richards, David Richards, Al Mc Neill and Daryl Simino

Chairman Sauer called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**Agenda Item 1: Payroll and Accounts Payable**

The Selectmen reviewed and approved the payroll and accounts payable manifest.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes of Past Meetings  
Selectmen's Meeting October 10, 2017**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 10, 2017. Selectman Thurber made a motion to accept the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on October 10, 2017 as presented. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Agenda Item 3: Old Business**

**Monument**

Mrs. Richards said the plaque has been reviewed and should be ready in approximately six weeks.

**Agenda Item 4: New Business**

**Chief Deputy Wilson – Sullivan County Sheriff's Department**

Chief Deputy Wilson submitted his report to the Selectmen. They have received 63 calls over the past six weeks. Mostly traffic controls. The 2018 contract is still being reviewed but the health insurance for the officers has gone down so he believes the cost should be about the same as 2017.

**Laura Pinkney** – Not available this evening.

**Proposed Budgets for 2018**

**Supervisors of the Checklist proposed budget for 2018**

Bob Cilley was not available this evening.

**Conservation Commission proposed budget for 2018 – Jim Beard**

Mr. Beard said the Conservation Commission will be level funding their budget at \$5,100. for 2018.

**Fire and Rescue Department Reports and proposed budgets for 2018**

Chief Thomas submitted the Fire Department report to the Selectmen. See attached. Chief Thomas requested

end of the year purchases for portable radios, gear, and truck and trailer repairs. The Selectmen approved the expenditures providing he stays within his budget. Chief Thomas asked about buying a left over shed from Home Depot, the Selectmen agreed not to purchase the shed at this time.

Chief Thomas presented the proposed 2018 budget for the Fire Department. \$55,013. Increases in utilities and maintenance to the SCBA.

Rescue Department Report – Captain Kobeski was not available this evening. No report.

Chief Thomas presented the proposed 2018 budget for the Rescue Department. \$16,500. Increase in rescue equipment, supplies, first aid.

David Richards asked permission to purchase up to \$2,400 for personal protective gear from the forest fire budget. Selectman Thurber made the motion to allow Mr. Richards to purchase personal protective gear from the forest fire budget. Selectman Grenier seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### **Highway Department proposed budget for 2018**

The proposed Highway Department budget for 2018 is \$368,600. Increase only in compensation at this time. Mr. Simino would like to purchase a new truck. The Selectmen will take it under advisement and review the highway equipment capital reserve.

### **Public Participation**

None.

### **Administration and Correspondence**

- Health Trust agreement for 2018 signed by Chairman Sauer
- Intent to Cut – Map 215 Lot 008

### **Miscellaneous**

Mrs. Richards asked if the 250<sup>th</sup> committee put the candles up in the Meeting House for the Holidays and Christmas Social scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The Selectmen unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Richards asked if when all the bills are in after the Christmas Social if the 250<sup>th</sup> Capital Reserve could donate the balance to the Flags of Lempster fund which purchased the flags for the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This money would continue to replace and repair the flags as needed. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the balance of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary funds to go to the Flags of Lempster fund. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Sauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Selectman Thurber seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Bjork  
Administrative Assistant