

**TOWN OF WATERVILLE VALLEY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 7, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Aronson, Chairman, Margaret Turner, Vice-Chair, and Richard Rita.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Reggie Breeckner, Will Lambert, Rob Lowd, Mark Decoteau, Jim Mayhew, Judy Rolfe and Sharon Charron.

**1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by Chair Mike Aronson.**

**2. Trash Truck Discussion**

The Selectmen received a memo prior to the meeting of the 2 options for the truck replacement and the timing of the delivery and these were all reviewed again.

- Option 1: Heil Packer on available Mack chassis is the same set up that we've had in the past. The quoted total cost is \$246,222. If the chassis is still available, it would be 60-90 days to get the body installed with delivery sometime in May if ordered right now. If ordered after town meeting, the delivery would be sometime in June.
- Option 2: Heil Packer on a Western Star chassis with an estimated of \$229, 250. The timeline would be to order the body in May, with the chassis delivered to Heil in August and ultimately be delivered to us in November if ordered right now. The timeline doesn't change if the order is placed after Town Meeting.

A vendor has been looking for a truck for us and has yielded minimal results that will fit our needs. The board asked if there were other options out of state that have been investigated. There is currently no other available inventory at this time. The board was also informed that the current rental truck being used is presently listed for sale and concern was expressed that if it sold, we would then get an even smaller truck. There was positive news on our old truck, which is out of service, that a rebuilt radiator was located and it should be repaired by the end of February. However, there are other parts of the truck that are of concern, specifically the brakes. Additionally we are also looking for another source for a rear packer rental truck or contractor to come in and empty dumpsters until the current truck is back in service. The board had concern to authorize the use of funds prior to a Town Meeting vote, and asked if there could be a refundable deposit or escape clause in the purchase contract. Jim Mayhew adds that manufacturers don't usually have extra trucks on their lots, as these pieces of equipment are made to order to fit the needs of the buyer. The board was fairly certain that Town Meeting would vote in favor of the purchase as the trash truck is a necessary vehicle, but wanted assurances from the dealer in the form of refundable deposit or like thereof.

A brief discussion followed on the back up information for the Public Works front end loader, as requested at last night's budget hearing and the BOS was appreciative. Mark also mentioned that dual purpose trash dumpsters, which can be dumped by both front or rear load trash trucks, should be considered when new dumpsters are purchased in the future. Rich adds that running equipment beyond its service life creates difficult situations where we are reactive versus proactive for equipment/vehicle replacement.

### **3. Other Business**

- **Sign Warrant**

The board reviewed the warrant and a motion was made by Mike Aronson to approve the warrant as presented and it was signed by the board members.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The board reviewed the MS-636 Budget for the period of 1/12019 through 12/31/2019 and a motion was made by Rich Rita to approve as presented and it was signed by the board members.

Margaret Turner: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A sample of the ballot was also presented and reviewed.

- **Review Personnel Information**

The Selectmen are presented with comparisons of personnel wages for 2018 to 2019 which included existing positions, and with the proposed new staffing. The current increase for existing positions, including benefits, is 3.46%. The increase for the approved 2018 to proposed 2019 is 6.07%, including benefits. The COLA listed for 2019 is at 2.3% and the wage ranges were also updated across all departments to bring them back in line. The CPI was 2.3% in October and that has been traditionally the number we have used for the following year. Conversation followed that the COLA varies year to year. It does help retain employees as well as keep wages competitive when positions open to encourage applicants to apply.

- **Review the Selectmen's Report**

The Selectmen's Report was reviewed and additions were made to the satisfaction of the board.

### **4. Privilege of Floor**

Will Lambert and Rob Lowd were both present in the event any discussion was held concerning the changes to the Selectmen's Ordinances for the trash dumpsters and their enclosures.

The board briefly discussed the Ladder Truck options of leasing versus bonding and all were in favor of bonding over the lease option after last night's budget hearing feedback.

The board discussed their recommendation on the warrant for the petitioned warrant article for increasing the Select Board from 3 to 5 members. They board wanted to be consistent with the school board in whether or not to include their recommendation, who has the same petitioned article on their warrant.

**5. Adjourn**

Mike Aronson motions to adjourn the meeting 4:41pm.

Rich Rita: 2nds.

Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Charron

Town Clerk/Town Office Assistant