**M I N U T E S**

**SELECTPEOPLE’S MEETING**

**LIMESTONE MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**VIA Zoom and YouTube**

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 29, 2020**

SELECTPEOPLE PRESENT: Chairman Walt Elliott, Chris Durepo II, Tadd Devoe and James Pelkey Jr. Excused: Vice Chairperson Pelletier via Voom

**I. Call Meeting to Order**:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elliott at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer**:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Managers’ Report**

Interim Town Manger Informs the Board that the Town’s checking account is getting low and she has contacted the bank and Vicki Keetan has sent a letter stating that Aroostook Savings and Loan would offer us a Municipal Easy Access Credit Line that cover checks and charges that needed to be sent out. The credit line has an interest rate of 3.25% and would be secured by our existing CD’s the town has now. Payment is due on the 15th of each month. Chairman Elliott asks if there is an amount the Interim Town Manager is requesting. Interim Town Manager states our balance currently is $ 64354.00, we do have a payroll next week that runs around 20, 000 and we have an accounts payable that has been started but not finished. I would think 100,000. Selectperson Durepo, II asked if the bank made a recommendation. Interim Town Manager stated she did not. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asked if we cannot make our payments now how are we going to pay back the 100,000. Interim Town Manager explained to the board that the town is in this situation because of lack of tax money coming in, and that we have had to spend money that was not budgeted for. No reimbursement from CDBG, and we have paid for ambulance for the first quarter and the second quarter bill has been received. I have invoiced the LDA for their portion and have not heard back from them. A question was raised on the amount of the CDBG, Chairman Elliott states it is around 30,000 and states the paper work has been completed and we are waiting on the next step. Selectperson Durepo, II asks where we are with the ambulance payments from LDA. Interim Town Manager informs him she has invoiced them for the first two quarters, but have not heard back from them. A reminder e-mail was sent with no reply. Chairman Elliott suggests calling first thing in the morning. Chairman Elliott asked that we do not take the whole 100,000 at one time however we would only take what we need. Interim Town Manager stated yes. We do have four or five payrolls left until the new fiscal year plus a payable each week. We are doing some car re-registrations but not like before people are aware of the grace period. Interim Town Manager did say that she did stress to departments to only spend what really needed to be spent. Selectperson Devoe stated that maybe we should look at freezing budgets.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr motions to take out a credit line of 100,000; seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. Motion passes

**V**. **Limestone School Department**

Superintendent Dobbins explains that the last time he spoke with the board he informed them of a renovation fund through the department of education, we were awarded that fund application on January 31, 2020. 256,000 dollars was the estimated cost to repair 6 boys and girls bathrooms and to fix the elevator ADA compliance. The school was awarded 255,550. We lost 450 dollars because of percentage error. The second project that the school applied for was indoor air quality control. 529,135 was awarded for this project. I need the board’s approval to move forward. Selectperson Durepo, II asks that if he understands this correctly this will not raise the schools’ budget by restructuring. Dobbins says that is correct. Dobbins also informed the board that the school had been approved for a new bus; however they must come up with the first payment. The school is asking for the board’s approval. Select person Pelkey, Jr motions to proceed with the bond; second by Selectperson Durepo, II. Motion Passes

Superintendent Dobbins asks the board what the time line is for the school budget. Chairman Elliott says next week or the following week at the latest. Dobbin’s states the subcommittee meets tomorrow night thank you all.

**VI. Budget**

**A. Public Works**

Selectperson Durepo, II asks if the increase to insurance is similar to other departments. Foreman Pelletier explains it is for a cost of living, and I am asking for another full time person if at all possible. These reasons all bring this number up.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks if you take the additional person out what would that look like. Foreman Pelletier explains that person’s salary would be 32,800 roughly plus insurance.

Pelletier explains the pension line, the reason there is an increase is because last year nothing was budgeted and we do pay a pension for two past employees. It is not a lot of money but does add up to just under $250. Chairman Elliott asks if we do still pay this and Interim Town Manager stated that MMEHT sends a bill each month.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks for the Interim Town Manager to do a budget for Public Works with the new person and also one without. Page answers sure she could do that.

Selectperson Pelletier asks if this payroll line shows the new employee and he is told yes. Foreman Pelletier asks the board if the highway is going to do mowing again this year like last year. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asks Interim Town Manager is that what she had planned. She stated she had not thought about it as of yet. Selectperson Devoe asked if anyone knows what budget mowing was taken from? Mowing was removed from the recreation department. Pelletier explains that last year 12,000 was saved by having the highway do the mowing; however you are paying 15 dollars an hour for highway to mow when you could pay someone else less to do the same job and allow highway to work on culverts that really need replacing Foreman Pelletier points out. Selectperson Pelletier feels that mowing should be place back under Rec and not highway and this does not need to be a 40 hours a week maybe 30. Selectperson Pelkey, Jr asked if they have hired a summer mower for Trafton, if not why couldn’t the part time person mow both places. Selectperson Durepo, II asked how many man-hour did it take last summer. Pelletier stated 34 or 35 hours.

**B. Library**

Materials budget we would like to increase to purchase large print books, expand the teen section. It is a small increase of $1500.

Selectperson Durepo, II has asked if they have been successful with grants. She states she has received one large one and looking to do more next year.

**VII. Aproval of warrants #70 & #71**

Selectperson Pelletier motions to accept; Seconded by Selectperson Devoe. Motion Passes

**VIII. Executive Session** for M.S.R.A. Title 30-A§ 405 Chapter (6) (A) Personnel Employment Matter.

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr motions to enter; Seconded by Selectperson Pelletier. Motion Passes

Selectperson Pelletier motions to return from Executive Session, Seconded by Selectperson Pelkey. @ 8:37 Motion Passes

Selectperson Pelkey, Jr makes a motion to hire George Bud Finch as new Town Manager as of May 18, 2020; Seconded by Selectperson Durepo, II Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn by Selectperson Pelletier; Seconded by Selectperson Pelkey, Jr. Motion Passes.