

**Minutes of Selectboard Meeting  
Wednesday February 1, 2017**

**Present at Meeting:**

Bert Potter, Selectman; Steven Nicholson, Selectman; Aaron Korzun, Selectman; Mark Goodwin, Clerk

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Selectman Potter

**Approval of Agenda:**

Aaron moved and Steven seconded to approve the agenda. Approved without modification

**2017 Budget & Warning:**

Discussion focused on Accounts Payable, specifically those expenses that have been submitted to FEMA via VT DEMHS, and speculation as to when the funds might be reimbursed by FEMA. Steven who has worked with Ron Pentkowski of VT DEMHS who has indicated that the review required prior to reimbursement will take "a long time".

The AR funds or lack of them for the coming year, significantly impacts the amount money required to be raised by taxes in 2017. So that even though the overall budget is less than last year, the amount required to be raised by taxes is higher and not offset by the certainty of expected revenue. The consensus of the Selectboard is that this would be the prudent way to proceed. If by chance, FEMA were to reimburse the Town for expenses incurred during the course of the year, then the Selectboard would have an opportunity to set the tax rate lower in so far that the amount to be raised would be less.

Bert moved and Steven seconded to set the following for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting

Warning:

General Fund Expenditure: \$1,127,482

Amount to be raised by taxes: \$699,102

Amount from Non-Tax revenues and surplus funds: \$391,686

Approved.

The 2017 Annual Town Warning was then signed by the individual members of the Selectboard.

**New Business:**

Census:

Both the Clerk and Chair of the Selectboard had received notification in regards to the 2020 Census and those individuals in the Town who would be responsible for assisting the local and regional Census Bureau with the parameters of how the Census will be undertaken for Shrewsbury.

No significant change from the previous Census or the on-going and continuous Census data collection.

Transfer Station:

Bert reported that after State and Regional inspection of the Transfer Station Operations, it has been determined that Shrewsbury is compliant with and meeting the goals of ACT 148.

Because of this determination, Shrewsbury will not need to increase the fees it is presently collecting to off-set the tipping fees that are now being generated.

**Open to the Public:**

No members of the public present

**Minutes:**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the Minutes of 1/18/2017. Approved

**Road Commissioner's Report:**

Steven moved and Bert seconded to go into executive session at 7:31 PM in order to discuss personnel matters.

The Selectboard emerged from executive session at 7:48 PM

The Road Commissioner will continue to closely monitor the licensing certification status of Road Crew members.

Aaron indicated that he will support the Road Commissioner at the upcoming Rutland County Road Commissioners meeting where the topic presentation and discussion will be ACT 64.

**Certification of Highway Mileage:**

Bert moved and Aaron to authorize the 2017 Certification of Highway Mileage. Discussion: No changes from the previous years' certification. Approved

**March Selectboard Meeting Schedule:**

Because of the timing of the Annual Meeting the Selectboard will be making an adjustment to the regular meeting schedule.

Steven moved and Bert seconded to change the first meeting of March 2017 to March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Organizational Meeting the day after the Annual Meeting election. Approved. The Clerk will notice the change for the Times of Shrewsbury and the Town Website and through the regular posting process

**New Business:**

Certification of Mileage was addressed previously

**Minutes:**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017. Approved

Bert clarified that Al Ridlon Jr. was the winner of the Transfer Station Punch Card drawing on January 4, 2017.

**Orders:**

Bert moved and Aaron seconded to approve Road Commissioner Orders # 2 of February 1, 2017 for \$9,03600 and Selectboard Orders #2 of February 1, 2017 of \$1,957.11. Approved.

**Transfer Station Punch Card Drawing:**

Kell Giffin's name was drawn to receive a \$10 Punch Card for the Transfer Station.

Meeting was duly adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Goodwin, Town Clerk

*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*