

UNAPPROVED  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JANUARY 22, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Lourie, Linda Montague, Philip E. Mazzucco, Deborah Baker and Thomas Wilson.  
OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Lenhardt, Val Almosnino, Donald S. Lewis, Michael McKeighan, Jane Davies, John LaVecchia, Philip Chapman, Jed Rubin, Susan Nichols, Eugene Higgins and Jay "Skip" Wilson III.

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

TOWN WEBSITE: Jane Davies presented the new Town of Rupert website which contains much useful information about the local government and departments, social organizations, churches, businesses etc. A calendar of events and links to related websites, including those of the adjacent towns are featured too. Much thanks to Jane, John LaVecchia, Phil Chapman and the other people who worked on developing this professional looking website. To gain access to it, go to [Rupert.vt.gov](http://Rupert.vt.gov).

December minutes reviewed. Motion by Linda, seconded by Phil to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT:

1. The Town Office's sink drain is frozen, so please do not use the sink until the pipe thaws out.
2. The Board of Civil Authority will meet at 7:00 p.m. on January 29th to swear in members and make plans for Town Meeting on March 5th.
3. At noon on February 7th at the Town Office there will be a tax sale of seven properties.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1.	Cash on hand	12/01/2018	\$402,107.94
	Receivables		70,165.36
	Disbursements		89,685.77
	Cash on hand	12/31/2018	\$382,587.53

2. The Board reviewed the general financial statement, accounts payable, budget status report and payroll.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Mark attended the last Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance meeting. He spoke about the new program to recycle asphalt shingles for use as road surface material. Also, the Town is required to have a site for the collection of yard waste, but has yet to choose a location for it.
2. Architect Martin Kravet from Pawlet called Mark to say that he would like to offer his assistance with the planning of the Town Office renovations.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Highway Report: The green truck will be getting new king pins. Road Commissioner Skip Wilson had questions about medical billing through the employee's insurance plan.
2. It is now optional for Towns to elect a local Grand Juror. It was the consensus of the Board to discontinue the position of Grand Juror.
3. Should we have three elected Cemetery Commissioners or continue to operate the cemeteries with a Board of Trustees? Don said that Mike McKeighan, Debbie Baker and he would run for the positions. Don will ask Attorney John Thrasher tomorrow on how the Town should proceed with the organization of the Cemetery Association.
4. Gene Higgins said the Historical Society would like to open the safe at the former Grange building in order to preserve its contents. It will get moved to the Highway Garage where it can be opened up for inspection.
5. The Board worked on finalizing the budget, and added in as a line item \$2,500.00 for cemetery maintenance. There was a motion by Debbie, seconded by Phil to adopt a municipal budget of \$201,600 and a highway budget of \$653,500. Motion carried.
6. The Town Meeting Warning was drafted and signed by the Board.
7. New driveways for the Fram subdivision on Hebron Road were considered by the Board. The Board approved of Lot 2's driveway to come off of Lot 1 or 4's driveway and for Lot 4's to come off Lot 1 or 3's driveway.
8. Orders were signed by the Board.

Motion by Tom, seconded by Debbie to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Montague  
Selectboard Clerk