**TOWN OF STRONG – SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES**

**December 17, 2019 – 6pm**

1. **Call meeting to order – flag salute**: Rob Elliott called the Selectmen’s Meeting to order with flag salute at 6pm.
2. **Board Member Attendance Recognized**: Rob Elliott, Andy Pratt, Jim Burrill, Rodney Cook, and Rodney Spiller. Others Attending: Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Duayne Boyd, and Valerie Tucker.
3. **Approval of the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes from 12/10/2019**: Rod Spiller made a motion to approve minutes from the 12/10/2019 selectmen’s meeting. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
4. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 12/19/2019 for $104,166.11:** Jim Burrill made a motion to approve Treasurer’s Warrant for week of 12/19/2019 for $104,166.11. Andy Pratt 2nd the motion and all voted in favor.
5. **Budget:** Since the next Selectmen’s meeting isn’t until January 14th , Jim said he would like to discuss pay raises and health insurance. Jim put together a proposal with several options. Jim made a motion to accept POS 200 plan with no copay for Employees. Rod Cook 2nd the motion for discussion purposes. After some discussion the motion was amended by Rod Cook. Rod Cook made the motion to go with the POS 200 insurance plan again this year with the employees and town splitting the cost of the increase. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion. Andy Pratt, Rod Cook, Rod Spiller and Rob Elliott voted in favor and Jim Burrill was opposed. Motion passed 4-1. Rob Elliott made a motion to give a 50 cent raise to Duayne Boyd, Sandra Mitchell, Betsy DuBois, Tonia Boyd, and Erika Ouellette. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. New rates of pay for 2020 are as follows: Duayne Boyd $19.64; Sandra Mitchell $19.64; Betsy DuBois $16.95; Erika Ouellette $15.00; and Tonia Boyd $15.00. It was decided that the budget committee would be invited to come to the January 28th Selectmen’s meeting instead of the January 14th meeting to be more certain that all the year-end numbers were available.
6. **Finance Agreement for New Truck:** Andy Pratt presented the financial agreement through Daimler Truck Financial for the 2020 Western Star 4700. Annual payments will be $29,337.72 for six years at 3.80% interest including the trade in of the old Volvo truck. This is a little better than the $31,000 we thought it would be because of a lower interest rate. Jim Burrill made a motion to allow Andy Pratt to sign the six year financial agreement with Daimler Truck Financial for the 2020 Western Star 4700 truck with annual payments of $29,337.72. Rod Cook 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. The truck should be deliver by the end December.
7. **Reports of the Treasurer/Town Clerk/Highway Foreman**:
8. **Selectmen’s Reports**: Rod Spiller congratulated Duayne Boyd for receiving the Spirit of America award. **Rod Cook** said that he would like to meet with Sandy to make sure there are no additional bills coming in for the FMB and then schedule flooring downstairs in the kitchen and cafeteria. **Andy Pratt** said thatthey are still waiting for a fax regarding financing for the new truck. It didn’t come through tonight, but Andy is hoping to have an agreement for selectmen to review next meeting.

Rod Spiller made a motion to adjourn. Jim Burrill 2nd the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Betsy DuBois, Clerk