

Bakersfield Regular Select Board Meeting  
And Warned Executive Session  
Thursday, December 28, 2023  
6:00pm/7:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 5:58pm by Josh Goss.  
Members present: Josh Goss (chair), John West, Todd Cosgrove  
Members absent: Lance Lawyer, Terri Gates

Todd made the motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. John seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.  
The board entered Executive Session at 5:59pm.

Todd made the motion to exit Executive Session, John seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.  
The board exited Executive Session at 6:52pm.

John made the motion to extend an offer the position of Bakersfield Town Treasurer to Thomas Jamison for a yearly salary of \$28,000.00. Todd seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.  
Tom to begin training with Vera the beginning of January.

Regular meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Josh Goss.  
Previous minutes: Todd made the motion to accept the previous minutes as written. John seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

Warrants signed:

Road Commissioner's order #29&30-2023	\$13,557.88
Selectmen's order BCC order #065-2023	\$367.50
Selectmen's order #29-2023	\$6,286.76
Road Commissioner's order #20-2023	\$219.20
Selectmen's order #28-2023	\$129,745.32
Including Library and School direct tax	
Selectmen's order Petty Cash-#2-2023	\$274.09

Finance- Vera gave the board an updated finance report. Vera explained that the Library and the NMVUUSD (school district) were paid their budget amount from direct tax and that is on the warrant. The board paid their part of the matching grant for the BCC grant application.

John made the motion to pay Vera \$30.00/hour to train the new treasurer. Todd seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.  
Josh asked Vera if she was willing to come in part time at tax time to help Tom learn the taxes. Vera said she would if she is able to. Vera said that she has all her spreadsheets in her binder to look at so he can see what has been done and how they have been done.

Nicky met with the board on behalf of the library and to touch base with the status of the treasurer situation. She also wanted to express a public thank you to Vera. Todd said that the board directed the new director to negotiate with the library for their treasurer needs.

Nicky asked the board if they were aware if they were aware of any Efficiency Vermont grants out there. John said that they are still waiting for the MERP grant inspection of the buildings that we have applied for. John said that we are in a holding pattern waiting for the state to schedule with Mac for an inspection date. The board said that there were probably grants through Efficiency Vermont but that is another whole process.

John asked Nicky what specific project they were interested in. Nicky said even fixing the front door would help. Todd said that they really need to weatherize the building.

Josh said that we are concerned about the furnace in the Town Hall. The week before last, the furnace failed, and Larry Westcom was able to come up and get it going again.

Road- Mac said that his truck needed a plug and Mark's truck needed a turbo clamp. Mac said that there a lot of soft spots on the road during this thaw. They are hoping that we get a freeze again in a couple of days. Josh asked Mac if they can back-drag the grader on the roads and Mac said that you could, but it really doesn't do much. Mac told Josh that Mark put a couple of loads of gravel on Skinner Hill Rd, above Claude Sheridan's.

Mac said that the Excavator is up at Pete's trying to fix whatever keeps kicking the DEF code. Mac said that Pete said it would be done in one to two weeks, but if we need it, they said they would get it done the next day. It's all under warranty. Mac thought that we had about 100 hours on it so far. Todd said it is better to get it fixed now than when we get into the time of culverts. Mac said they got a couple of culverts open for the winter the other day. John said there is a sink hole starting on Butternut Rd. He said that he noticed it 2-3 days ago and it looks like it's getting bigger. Mac said they would take a look.

Mac said that an email from FEMA said that our time is expiring in mid-January. Mac said that they confirmed with Kim that all things needed had been submitted and it should take 1-2 months to receive reimbursement for admin costs, and then the State reimbursements will begin.

John made the motion to appoint Jason Bapp as town auditor. Todd seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

John said that Alex mentioned creating a blanket agreement with the town that the board is familiar with that had a set rate/hour and terms, and then whoever in town uses his services, he's already under contract. Josh said that any entity that wants to use Alex's services needs to have the pre-approval of the board. Josh asked Tami to ask Alex to create a proposed contract for the

board with set rates and a 30-day notice of termination by either party, and then to invite Alex to bring it to the board at the first Regular Select Board meeting in February.

Todd made the motion to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Meeting minutes recorded by Tami Brennan.