

**ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6 2014
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
7 PM**

MINUTES

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 7PM with a roll call. Normand DeWolfe, Phil Preston, Jeanette I. Stewart present.

Others Present: Paul Branscombe, Pat Crowell and members of the Public.

As the Board signed the Manifests, TA Branscombe read off the totals. They were: Payroll \$16,787.75, Accounts Payable \$145,584.06. Stewart mentioned that the town has a new welfare director that is going by the book. The Selectmen signed what was in the Signature File.

APPROVALS

Minutes of December 2: Stewart moved to approve with corrections. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of December 11: Stewart moved to approve with corrections. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of December 19: Preston moved to approve as written. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Minutes of December 24: Stewart moved to approve with corrections. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

DeWolfe motioned to reduce the Police Department salary line by \$2000. Stewart seconded. All in favor.

Stewart motioned to increase Town Clerk/Tax Collector Postage Expense line by \$200.00. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Stewart motioned to decrease the money in the Unemployment Line. Preston seconded. All in favor.

Stewart explained to the audience that legal recommended consolidating Warrant Articles 5 & 6. Stewart motioned to expend \$4000 to the Library to cover the first quarter costs. Preston seconded. All in favor.

The Chairman said that there was a freeze in place and would like to continue that freeze to have some control over what is spent. Preston had some questions which were answered by Stewart. Stewart motioned to continue the freeze. DeWolfe seconded. Vote 2-0. Preston abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Preston motioned to encumber \$3108.91 for the countertops in the Police Dept. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Preston moved to encumber \$630.00 for restoration of books. Stewart Seconded. All in favor.

TA Branscombe talked about the Implementation of the Master Plan.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - TA Branscombe discussed some of the highlites of the last month.

SELECTBOARD ITEMS

Chairman Stewart mentioned that the filing period for the March election is January 22 to to January 31 at 5PM. She said that she had a list of the positions that will be open if anyone wanted one.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bobbi Hoerter asked why she, being the moderator, wasn't notified about the primary on January 21st. The Chairman said that in the past the Town Clerk had notified the moderator.

Sherri Downing thanked all the people that helped with Christmas Night in Ashland. She said that she would like one of the Selectboard to be a part of it in the future. She said that they start planning in October. Stewart asked about the flower baskets. Ms. Downing told her that they have been donated to the town. DeWolfe told her that he would like to be a part of Christmas Night and to let him know when the meetings start.

Don Latulippe asked about cable on Blue Sky Drive. There are only 5 houses on the street and conduit for cable is there. He has tried to contact Time Warner but hasn't gotten anywhere. The Chairman asked TA Branscombe to contact the cable attorney. Mr. Latulippe will ask the homeowners if they want cable. TA Branscombe said that he will email the attorney and copy Don in it.

There being no further business, Stewart motioned to adjourn at 7:36PM. DeWolfe seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Crowell
1-8-13