

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 461
Corinth, VT 05039

Unapproved Minutes of the Financial Meeting
August 5, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro.
Others Attending: Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Suzanne Hansen, Financial Assistant to the Board; Karen Galayda; Raymond Moulton; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Orders for Payment

The Board reviewed outstanding bills and signed orders for payment.

Journal Entries

The Board reviewed and approved Journal Entries from June and July.

Property Tax Rates

Locke moved to set the Corinth Tax Rates for fiscal year 2015 to wit:

Residential: 1.9570 dollars per hundred of property value

Non-Residential: 1.9926 dollars per hundred of property value

Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

Raymond Moulton, a member of the Cemetery Commission, informed the Board of a lack of funds in the Cemetery Commission's account. He asked if money from the General Fund could be transferred until funds are withdrawn from the Cemetery Commission's Puritan Fund and deposited into their account. Groschner moved to fund the Cemetery Commission an amount of \$5,000 to be repaid when Puritan Funds are available. Locke seconded. Motion passed. The Board asked Moulton to call an emergency meeting of the Cemetery Commission in order to make arrangements.

Karen Galayda, Corinth Lister, presented an Errors & Omissions report to correct a CAMA synchronization error re: Parcel #036-00119 and an error re: Parcel #111-00619. There were no changes in the Grand List Total Value. Locke moved to approve the listers' submission of Errors & Omissions. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Discussion followed concerning the Listers' budget and use of funds. Also discussed were the town's reappraisal plans, which will begin in 2015 and be completed in 2017. Galayda submitted names of four appraisers to be considered. The Board will review their credentials before making any decisions. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for August 11.

Susan Fortunati, Corinth Treasurer, presented a proposal for creating new categories in the Town Budget, effective July 1, 2014. A new "Technology and Communication" section was suggested. Certain line items would first have to be zeroed out in order to put those funds into the new category.

Postage: Listers \$200, Office \$3,000

Telephone: Listers \$1,300, Office \$2,400

Technology Dues and Support: Listers \$1,000, Office \$1,000

Contract Maintenance - Equipment: Office \$3,000

Furniture & Equipment: Office \$20,000

Groschner made the motion to move the above specific line items and amounts from the listers budget and town office budget into a new category called "Technology and Communication" to the new respective line items they belong to. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

New "Payroll" categories were proposed in the Town Office section. Town Clerk \$26,000 and Assistant \$3,000 be combined and renamed "Payroll Town Clerk's Office." Town Treasurer \$27,040 and Assistant \$2,100 be combined and renamed "Payroll Town Treasurer's Office." Pazdro moved to accept these changes. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Fortunati also proposed changes to the Highway Department's Repairs and Maintenance section. Groschner made the motion to move the \$37,500 budgeted for Equipment Maintenance to a new line item entitled "Maintenance & Repairs Vehicles (General)." Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence

The Board received an estimate from Bill Ricker for resurfacing the parking area at the Town Hall. The Board will address this at the August 11 meeting with the Road Commissioner in attendance. A tonnage report was received from Casella Waste. It was noted that as of October 1, NEKWMD will take over the collection of electronics at the Transfer Station.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.