

Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Unapproved Minutes of Financial Meeting
February 13, 2023

Attending for the Board: Rick Cawley, Carl Demrow, and Nick Kramer. Anne Rosten, select board clerk. Others attending: Dick Kelley, treasurer.

The meeting was conducted in person and on Zoom. Chair Cawley called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Warrants and Bills

The board had a few questions about the warrant; overpaid taxes which will be refunded to taxpayers, and the lack of town coverage from the sheriff's dept due to lack of staff. Treasurer Kelley is hopeful that Shirley Montagne, financial secretary will prepare next month's warrant. Kramer made a motion to approve the warrant as presented. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Kramer made a motion to approve the payroll as presented. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts payable: There was some discussion over the garage operating budget and bills from Washington Electric. Kramer made a motion to approve the accounts payable. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fund balances/treasurer's report

There was quite a bit of discussion over the fund balances, reserve funds, and how the accounts line up with actual numbers. Kelley suggested having NEMRC help out with tracing back the history of how monies are transferred from the general account to other fund accounts. It is hoped to have a more straightforward and easy to follow system set up soon.

Audit status

The selectboard still does not have the FY 2020 or FY2021 audits from Sullivan and Powers. They are supposedly complete but there has been limited communication from the auditors and nothing in hand. They have contracts with the town which have not been fulfilled. The board is considering pursuing other auditing firms.

Other business that comes before the board

Kramer made a motion to move the pre-bid meeting date to March 15th and authorize Cawley to work with Norm Collette and Mark Nielsen to publish a notice of the pre-bid meeting in the Journal Opinion, the Times Argus, and the Valley News during the weeks of February 20th and February 27th; and to authorize the funds to pay for the notices. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The date of March 7th was agreed upon to discuss the East Corinth village flag proposal with Jon Ruggles. Cawley stated that there needs to be a consensus among the village residents before considering approval. The board will hear the details at the meeting which will take place after the town meeting.

It was decided to make the annual town appointments at the April selectboard meeting since March's meeting takes place on town meeting day and election results may not be tabulated. The mailing of the town reports came up as there is lack of clarity as to the division of zip codes, labels, voter lists, and postage. It was agreed to hire Nancy Ertle to oversee the process if she is willing given her depth of experience.

Kramer made a motion to adjourn. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 8:50 PM.