

**TOWN OF ROME, MAINE**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**TUESDAY JANUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Chairman Paul Anderson called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6 PM in the Selectmen's Office at the Rome Community Center. Selectman Anderson, Stratton, and Archer were present. Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Barbara Brickett and Tammy Lyons.

Pledge of Allegiance

Anderson reported that he spoke with the legal department of the Maine Municipal Association regarding wording of the Fire and Rescue department articles. They suggested that changing article to read truck not "new" truck was the correct way to word article. Also, the article containing the carry forwards should say "provided that the funds remain in the same account".

- Stratton/Archer Motion was made to approve January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes  
All in Favor 3-0
- Stratton/Anderson Motion was made to approve January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes  
All in Favor 3-0

Anderson spoke about the Board's phone conversation with the Town's Attorney, Sally Daggett. The conversation was regarding the DiPietro's consent order and a couple of items that were not addressed in the order. The DiPietro's sent a proposal requesting to use overages from prior months to assist with December 2019 quota. The Attorney said it was a reasonable interpretation of the consent order, but that it shouldn't be considered on-going, but to be applied, as requested, to the month of December. The other request concerned the end date and if there are still items to be removed (with the quota being met each month). It was suggested to wait and address this later if there is a need.

Budget workshop:

The Board continued from the previous Budget workshop, having already approved some articles.

Article #3 Road work on Wooster Hill and Mercer Road. LA/PA all in favor 3-0

Article#10 Tree work in cemeteries. LS/KA all in favor 3-0

Article #22 (waste management/landfill) Discussion ending in Paul Anderson contacting WM for more information on the increase in cost.

Article #26 TRIO the final answer and amount as written. PA/KA all in favor 3-0

Article #31 final amount of \$10,000 for legal. PA/KA all in favor 3-0

Article #32 investigating withdrawal from 1<sup>st</sup> Park TABLED for more info.

Article #39 Fire Department Reserve as written PA/KA all in favor 3-0

Article #40 Belgrade Fire/Paramedic as written PA/KA all in favor 3-0

Articles #43-49 all donations to non-profit organizations. The Board had a discussion about whether to put recommendations on any, if so the Board was unanimously in favor 3-0. We decided to leave it blank so that the Town will make their decision at Town Meeting.

Article #55 the Rescue CD was added to the informational grid this was checked over once again and stayed with the previously approved motion all in favor 3-0

All articles have now been approved for meeting with Budget Committee.

Tax Collector/Treasurer Report:

Tammy Lyons reported that Matt Caldwell, Town's assessor, meet at the Commissioner's Office to present the Town of Rome's side on the Dana Delisle abatement request. Both sides presented and the Board will review and send their findings when ready. Payroll/bill warrants were presented for signatures.

Old Business:

Lois Stratton reported that Tom Orr would be ready soon to work on the Town Clerk/ Excise clerk's office floor.

- Stratton/Anderson Motion to Adjourn All in Favor 3-0
- 7:01 PM

**Meeting with Budget Committee Wednesday January 22,2020 6pm**

**Next scheduled Selectmen's meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>,2020**

