

Kingfield Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday June 6th, 2022; 6:00 PM Webster Hall 38 School Street

Attendance

Municipal Officers: Walter Kilbreth, Wade Browne, Polly MacMichael and Morgan Dunham (via Zoom)

Municipal Staff: Leanna Targett (Administrative Assistant); Travis Targett (Wastewater Superintendent)

Public: Susan Davis, Jeff Maget, Hunter Lander, Aaron Hansen, Todd Sanders, Dan Davis and Andrea Fenwick (via Zoom)

Vice Chairman Browne calls the meeting to order.

Meeting minutes from May 16th, 2022, are reviewed. Motion to accept meeting minutes as written by Selectman Kilbreth. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Old Business:

Vice Chairman Browne asks if there are any follow-up discussions from Annual Town Meeting. Selectmen Dunham asked how the Secret Ballot vote was. AA, Targett says that it passed with no discussions, no questions. Selectman Dunham asked how the website article went over. AA, Targett says after she fielded a question from John Goldfrank about using ARPA funds instead of general funds Polly explained to John Goldfrank how we were setting this up to be an annual expense the article passed.

New Business:

Vice Chairman Browne recognizes MSAD #58 Superintendent, Todd Sanders to discuss 2022-2023 Budget. Todd says the past two years we have not had a public budget meeting due to covid but this past May 24th we returned to in-person meeting. Everything from this budget meeting went well with one exception Article #4 was increased by \$12,000.00 as people in attendance felt there should be additional funds for the athletic side of things. Basically, we would be going from 3 town teams to one team like Mt Abram. Biggest increase to the budget this year is that we are no longer receiving the federal money we have received the past two years. Vice Chairman Browne asks what the difference was in teacher salaries/eliminations. Todd says it is a 1.2-million-dollar difference we eliminated 12.5 staff. The other factor is the huge increase to property values. Over the three years it was 28 million with the Town of Kingfield accounting for 24 million of that. Vice Chairman Browne asks what the count would be at the schools. Todd says the guesstimate is 110 in Phillips, 80-95 in Kingfield, 160 in Strong and Mt. Abram 200ish. Generally, there are 50-80 EUT students and 60-70 Superintendent agreements which we do get money for from the state as it is based upon our student count. Kingfield's proposed increased before the \$12,000.00 increase was \$104,608.00.

Board review the MSAD #58 Warrant to call for voting on June 14th. Motion made by Selectman Kilbreth to sign. Seconded by Selectman MacMichael. All in Favor.

Vice Chairman Browne recognizes Waste Water Superintendent Travis Targett to provide update. Travis says he was asked by Chairman Dunham to provide an update on the Keenan beds. They are complete other than some seeding and raking. Out of the 120 chambers only 6 were decent. This was one

complete failed bed, and the other was operating at maybe 20%. Overall, the project went smoothly. Selectmen Kilbreth asks if there is another bed in mind to be fixed. Travis explains that the concern is still with the Poland Spring Beds. He has been working with

Administrative Assistant Updates/Discussion:

AA, Targett says she would like the board to determine a date to have a meeting with Town Attorney. Selectman Kilbreth feels this should happen as soon as possible. Board suggests June 15th or June 21st. AA, Targett says another meeting that needs to be scheduled is an informational meeting to discuss town roads. Board agrees this should happen Monday June 27th. Selectman MacMichael says the housing committee would like to be on the agenda for June 21st. AA, Targett says her only other item is the Wednesday closures. Board agrees to keep the office closed on Wednesdays until it can be discussed again at the last meeting in July. It is suggested that AA, Targett put something on social media about Wednesday closures to get the public's opinion. Selectman Kilbreth and Selectman Dunham agree that if the office runs more effectively by being closed to the public for one day to a week to get caught up then the board should consider it.

Other:

Vice Chairman Browne asks for any other. Selectman Kilbreth asks if we are planning to buy the undrain and culverts from Fenwick. AA, Targett says this is a board decision however she will need the original invoice in order to pay Fenwick. Selectman Kilbreth makes a motion to get necessary documentation and to pay invoice. Selectman MacMichael second's motion. All in Favor.

Selectman MacMichael says that the housing committee wishes to visit the Kingfield board again to discuss possible locations in Kingfield. She says there is a little bit of a hustle going on with this as the state is willing to provide funds per unit. The committee for this is in great shape and has great leadership and would like to take advantage of the monies. Vice Chairman Browne says he wants to listen to the committee however it may not be able to be completed in Kingfield in the timeframe they are looking at due to ordinances and such.

Selectman MacMichael makes a motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Selectman Kilbreth. All in Favor.