

**Selectman Minutes  
Town of Newburgh**

**DATE: 8-2-2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Selectman O'Donald called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**   X   Renee O'Donald,   X   Brian Carlisle,   X   Cindy Grant

**SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

Selectman O'Donald announced that she will be resigning in the near future. She addressed many of the reasons she will be stepping down including the negative/hurtful nature of some of the people in the Town. In the process of speaking, Fire Chief Williamson stood up and verbally resigned.

She expressed frustration and sadness that in an effort to help the town, it has been nothing but hurtful and disappointing. She also stated that the postponement of the Town Meeting was totally unnecessary, but happened because of the animosity within the Town. Selectman O'Donald said she would remain in office until the audit is finalized and Town Meeting.

There was discussion and clarification from the Board regarding Newburgh Rescue responding to calls in Dixmont. When the Rescue Department was formed and voted upon by the Town, it was specifically for Newburgh residents. The Board also clarified that if Newburgh Rescue were to respond to a call in Dixmont, they would not be covered under the Town's insurance, therefore, they cannot respond to any calls in Dixmont.

Selectman O'Donald and Carlisle both requested volunteers for all aspects of the Town. They also pointed out that they both became selectmen as write in candidates and agreed to accept the position with the intent of helping the Town. However, they are disheartened by the lack of cooperation between the fire department administration and the selectmen. This has been an issue for many, many years. They explained the liability reasons that the department should be a municipal department. Due to lack of maintenance and cooperation, the equipment is in need of very expensive repairs. They also pointed out that there is a leaking water tank under the new addition at the fire station, which will have to be repaired or removed under DEP guidelines. It was pointed out that these tanks were covered without any permission or knowledge of the selectmen. These types of careless acts are costing the Town excessive money.

Selectman O'Donald reminded everyone that the second half of the Town Meeting will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>. She stressed how important it is that as many people as possible attend the meeting to vote on the upcoming budget.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Culvert Grant Dahlia Farm Rd. – Discussion with Scott Preston of Wellman Paving regarding waiting for the culvert to be replaced before paving or pave the road and cut out the spot of the culvert at the appropriate time. This would get the road paved now. The Board agreed 2-0 to go ahead and pave now and do the cutout next year when the culvert is replaced in 2017.

Mr. Preston questioned if there were any issues with the plowing in the winter. Per the conditions of his plowing contract, if there are any issues, they need to be addressed by July. There was no problem with the contract, and the Board agreed to keep his contract as it stands.

2. Budget Spending Concerns- There is a projected budget of \$765,350 to keep the town running for 4 months.
3. Policies – Selectman Carlisle made a motion to table until next meeting, Selectman O’Donald seconded.
4. Drivers List and Back Ground Checks – Town Manager Grant updated the Board on the background checks that have been done and she is still working on getting the rest. She also noted that she has not received a driver’s list from the fire department. It was determined that a financial check will not be part of the background check.
5. Mowing Roadside – Town Manager will initiate a contractor for the roadside mowing. The Board would like her to set it up tentatively with the hopes that the budget passes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Audit Update – Town Manager Grant updated the Board that the auditor was not able to get a final copy of the audit, but the hope is to have it within a couple of days. The Board agreed to hold an additional meeting once the information is available. It was agreed to ask the auditor to come to a future meeting to answer any questions that may arise.

**WARRANTS: PY # 4 =\$2,061.50, AP # 5 = \$ 18,204.52 – Warrants approved 2-0 as shown.**

**ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**