

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Minutes of January 31, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ross McLeod called to order at 5:00 pm; opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen Heath Partington, Bruce Breton, Roger Hohenberger and Jennifer Simmons were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan.

Announcements: Mr. McLeod noted that resident Ralph Valentine was recently named “2021 Citizen of the Year” by the Greater Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McLeod offered his congratulations stating that Mr. Valentine “brought a real level of interest, care, and dedication”. He further stated that he was very deserving of the award.

Chief Lewis Retirement: Mr. McLeod noted that recently Chief Lewis met with the Board in non-public to advise them that he would not be able to pass his required fitness testing and was intending to retire. Mr. McLeod noted that the Chief will help the Town transition to a new chief, which the Board has started to work on but had no announcements yet.

Mr. Sullivan stated that it was important to note that, as the Chief was no longer a certified officer, he had no police powers and, further, that the Board asked the Chief to stay on as Administrative Chief pending his retirement and transition. Mr. McLeod noted again that the Chief he will be able to help keep the department running during the transition as he still has administrative functions.

Use of Fire Impact Fees: Mr. Sullivan noted that \$1,107 in Fire Impact fees will be expiring prior to February 3, 2022, with a total of \$33,225.13 to expire prior to the end of 2022. He requested that the Board approve using these funds towards payment of the Quint bond. He indicated there are no current plans for use of these fees and he would advocate using them towards the Quint payment, which saves the Town significant interest.

Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to authorize the expense of \$33,225.13 in fire impact fees towards paying down the Quint bond. Motion approved 5-0.

Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mrs. Simmons seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan, Town Administrator