

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
March 9, 2021
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – John Arruda, Josh L. Shackford and William T. Lord

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Police Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officer Mike Mosher; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 31, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By Arruda at 4:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lord, seconded by Arruda to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021 as written. The motion passed **2-0-1** with J. Shackford abstaining because he did not attend that meeting.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to approve the Manifest of March 8 - 15, 2021 in the amount of \$311,391.87. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$74,157.62 for Accounts Payable; \$28,676.89 for payroll; \$8,557.36 for payroll liabilities; and \$200,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ambulance Bid Opening – The three sealed bids for the sale of the Town’s 1995 F350 Ambulance were received and opened. The amounts of the bids received were \$2,010.00, \$2,176.00 and \$1,100.00. **Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to award the bid to the highest bidder, Michael Fitzharris, for \$2,176.00. The motion passed **3-0**.

Request for Refund of Interest on Late Tax Payment – A request was received through the Tax Collector from the owner of Map 108 Lot 031 for a refund of interest paid on the late payment of their 2020 property taxes. The taxpayer claims the payment was sent via USPS prior to the due date and has still has not been received by the Town. The taxpayer has since paid the bill and the \$40.31 in interest. The Board was in agreement not to refund the interest, directing L. Shackford to send a letter to the taxpayer informing them of the Board’s decision.

Receipt of Charter Franchise Fees for MadTV – The 2020 franchise fee payment, in the amount of \$46,318.36, was received from Charter Communications. L. Shackford will look into the original agreement as to how the funds are to be handled.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

Selectman Shackford’s List – No items.

Selectman Lord's List – Lord asked for a timeline of upcoming budget events. L. Shackford responded that at the March 23rd meeting the Board will make their recommendations on the warrant articles with the public budget hearing scheduled for April 6th. Lord asked if this delay in Town Meeting has caused the need for any budget adjustments. L. Shackford will be sending figures for the vehicles back to the leasing company to get updated quotes adding that the fire truck company will be holding their agreement as is. Lord asked Director Cyr if the Transfer Station numbers will be changing in light of new contract numbers submitted with the most recent RFP. Cyr did not have any concrete information to offer but did ask the Board their opinion on instituting the previously proposed guard shack. Cyr suggested something similar to an icehouse that would be wired, lighted and insulated for heat at an estimated cost of \$5,000 to \$6,000. Cyr would also like a camera system installed but does not have figures on such a project. Arruda asked if payroll would be covered and Cyr feels it would because we would be saving on hauling. Cyr would also like to accept credit cards and recycling of batteries at the shed. The Board was in favor of the shack.

Selectman Arruda's List - No items

Administrator's List – No items

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Supplemental Intent to Cut 20-283-17 Sherwood

Yield Tax Abatement Sevigny 115-002-002 \$405.75

4:55 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator