**TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES**

**MONDAY, April 18, 2022**

Attendance: Selectmen- Joe Cacciatore (chair), Rob Caron (vice chair), Bob Nigrello; Grace Ruelle, town administrator

**Mr. Cacciatore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.**

SIGN DOCUMENTS:

#1. AP Check Register: 4/07/2022 - $35,087.62

4/12/2022 - $48,333.00

**Mr. Caron made a motion to approve the AP Check Register from 4/12/2022 for $48,333.00 and from 4/07/2022 for $35,087.62. Mr. Cacciatore seconded. All board members were in favor.**

#2. Payroll Register: 4/15/2022 - $47,092.27

4/15/2022 - $26,058.27

**Mr. Caron made a motion to approve the Payroll Register from 4/15/2022 for $26,058.27 and from 4/15/2022 for $47,092.27. Mr. Cacciatore seconded. All board members were in favor.**

#3. Police Special Detail: 3/29 – 4/5/2022 $2,507.50

**Mr. Nigrello made a motion to approve the Police Special Detail from 3/29- 4/5/2022 for $2,507.50. Mr. Cacciatore seconded. All board members were in favor.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

#1. American Red Cross thank you letter

Ms. Ruelle said the town sent $1200 as a donation to the Red Cross. It will be used to help in the aid of Southern and Southwestern Tornados.

#2. Code Enforcement Letter – 17 Rowell Rd

Everyone received the letter from Mr. Kaiser.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#1. William Lambert, NH DOT – 107/108 Intersection report

Mr. Lambert shared his report with the board. He is a state traffic engineer. He discussed some of the issues and some of the options. He shared the regulation for the 107 and 108 intersection dates back to 1972. He explained that the concerns are mostly the 107 east bound traffic. He explained what you may see typically see at an intersection like that. He explained that about 10,000 vehicles east west traveling each day. Mr. Lambert explained if we were to create that intersection under today’s regulations, we would have no stop signs traveling east and west on 107 but still a stop at 108. Mr. Lambert said one

possible option would be to add another stop sign. Another option would be to have no stop sign going from west to east. More discussion with the board. Discussion about adding signage depending on if we add or take away a stop sign. Chief Warren asked the chairman if there was complaint. Mr. Cacciatore explained that there was a complaint. Mr. Lambert shared pros and cons for both options. Mr. Lambert’s recommendation is to take the 107 stop sign out. He said he would leave the decision up to the town. Chief LePage said there is a concern if there is a 3 way stop, it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to get out. Mr. Lambert said we could put up ‘do not block driveway.’ Mr. Lambert said we can also put road markings (they usually last 3 years). He said the town could do the first markings, but he does not guarantee the state to keep up with it, then the town would have to keep up with it. More discussion about the options. The major complaint from the resident are the loud motorcycles and cars coming to a stop and taking off again. Chief LePage said he thinks 107 should be free of a stop sign. Any pattern changes there are risks of accident. More discussion. Mr. Lambert said if we take away a stop sign on 107 and we see an uptick in accidents, we can always add it back and then add an additional stop sign (so it would be 3 stop signs) but it is difficult to go the other way. Mr. Lambert asked for a letter from the town when a decision is reached. Mr. Nigrello said we should have a public hearing on the choices and then make a decision.

#2. Letter from Kingston BOS – Fire Dept Regionalization

Mr. Cacciatore said he doesn’t feel like a regional Fire Dept would fly in East Kingston. The letter is asking if East Kingston would sit down with other communities and Kingston to come up with some ideas to benefit all of our towns by combining departments and services. Mr. Cacciatore read the letter from Kingston. Mr. Caron said this has been looked at a few times. Chief Warren said this went out to 6 towns. None of the other towns are going to the meeting. Chief Warren said that Kingston is really short. Mr. Nigrello said if they want to meet, we can go to listen. Chief Warren said he would happy to go, listen and take notes.

Ms. Ruelle will give Kingston some dates. Chief Warren and Mr. Cacciatore will go to listen.

#3. March Expense Report

Ms. Ruelle said there was an audit last week. She said they were in and out in 3 days. Mr. Nigrello said nothing stands out except the heating bills. Ms. Ruelle said an area of concern in the budget will be the planning board. She explained there was no feedback from department heads from their individual reports.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

#1. Radar speed sign quotes

Chief LePage said he has 2 of 3 quotes. Both come with a universal mounting system. There is a cloud-based service that you pay for after a year. He said the cost is high two-thousands, low three thousands. Only other decision is what color, white or yellow. He said he is just awaiting the third quote.

**Mr. Nigrello made a motion to go into nonpublic under 91A at 7:29 pm. Mr. Cacciatore seconded. All board members were in favor.**

Discussion about when to have a public hearing regarding the 2 options for the 107/108 intersection. Everyone was in agreement that the meeting would take place on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30.

**Mr. Nigrello made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Mr. Caron seconded.**

Meeting minutes prepared by Lee Anne Miller

Approved 5/31/2022

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