

TROY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
SAMUEL E. PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER

1 **Selectmen present:** Chairman Chasse, Selectman Hopkins, Selectman Thackston
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3 **Also present:** Town Administrator Jeremy Bourgeois, Executive Assistant Sarah Lashua,
4 Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Watson, Fire Chief Mark Huntoon, Deputy Fire Chief
5 Ryan Huntoon, Recreation Director Bob Norton, Kyle Smith, Jack Gettens, Jeanne Drugg,
6 Courtney Davis, Matthew Wholley
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8 **Budget Committee Members:** Ben Drugg, Adam Hopkins, Steve Obert, Allan Bailey,
9 Jamie Hummel, Deborah Wilson, Richard HSK Thackston, Matthew Meacham
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11 **1. Chairman Chasse called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.**
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13 **Joint Business Meeting with Troy Budget Committee**
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15 Discussion on the highway truck article #14, supervisors of the checklist stipend increase
16 warrant article #25, town buildings article #29.
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18 Article 30- Public Works Director Study: Budget Committee Chairman Drugg asked the
19 Selectmen why they wouldn't just place \$1 in the operating budget to look into this possible
20 position. Selectman Thackston responded on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the desire
21 of the voters for them to undertake the project of looking into creating the position. He stated
22 that similar to departments being willing to communicate and cooperate, if there isn't support
23 behind the possible change then there is no point in looking into it. In order for the possible
24 creation of the position, there would need to be an understanding and buy-in.
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26 Article 31- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Part-Time Clerk Position: Selectman Thackston
27 explained the Board's rationale behind the article, given people need to be able to take
28 vacation time, the possibility of sick leave, and the required certifications within that office
29 from the state. The Budget Committee decided not to support the article to fund this proposed
30 position.
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32 Article 32- Troy Mills Water and Sewer Fees: The Budget Committee stated they would not
33 be making a recommendation since the article has to do with revenues but doesn't involve
34 taxation.
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36 Budget Committee Chairman Drugg stated that both boards would need to address budget
37 account #4240- Building Inspector. This account was previously skipped over due to it being
38 a single line budget and the position unfilled for 2023. He explained the calculation estimate
39 he and Town Administrator Bourgeois came up with for a 2024 budget figure of \$10,000.
40 Selectman Thackston explained many inspections will be offset by the revenue taken in from
41 those getting the inspections done.
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43 **MOTION** to approve budget account #4240- Building Inspector in the amount of \$10,000
44 for 2024, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**
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46 Budget Committee Chairman Drugg went over the small edits to the Water & Sewer budget
47 proposals for 2024. The new total for both departments is \$548,523.
48 Account #4723- TAN Interest: Selectman Thackston explained the difference in the budget
49 request from 2023 to 2024 for the interest on tax anticipation notes account is due to doubled
50 interest rates. The Town is in the process of switching to Mascoma Bank and is hopeful this
51 may be helpful in this area in the future.
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53 **Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recessed their business meetings at**
54 **7:16 P.M. in order to hold the 2024 budget public hearing.**

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56 **The 2024 Troy Budget Public Hearing ended at 9:09 P.M. The Board of Selectmen and**
57 **Budget Committee resumed their business meetings at 9:19 P.M.**

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59 Article 10- Capital Reserve Funds: There was discussion about the Town's Capital Reserve
60 Funds not being adequate, especially given the Police Department's account will be
61 completely spent once the new cruiser is purchased. Chairman Chasse indicated we should be
62 funding these accounts at a higher level. There was agreement amongst the other Selectmen
63 and Budget Committee. Budget Committee Member Jamie Humel concurred with Chairman
64 Chasse but questioned if a small increase would do much good and reminded everyone a
65 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will help guide the Town once in place.
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67 **MOTION** to increase the deposit into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund in the
68 amount of \$10,000, for a total of \$20,000, for the 2024 budget, Chairman Chasse, **SECOND**
69 by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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71 Article 20- Support for Public Services: The Board discussed One Hundred Nights and
72 determined it should be removed from the warrant article altogether given both the
73 Selectman and Budget Committee recommend not funding it.
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75 **MOTION** to remove One Hundred Nights line item from the #4445 budget account and the
76 2024 warrant article #20, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES:**
77 **3-0-0.**

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79 **The Budget Committee ended their portion of the business meeting at 9:38 P.M. The**
80 **Selectmen continued with their normal business meeting.**

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83 **2. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

84 Chairman Chasse stated the Board of Selectmen have come to an agreement with a Building
85 Inspector. The Board stated that the Building Inspector will be responsible for conducting
86 inspections in Town, as directed by the Board of Selectmen. The Board plans to continue to
87 handle building permits through their office and staff at Town Hall.
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89 There was a discussion about moving the location of the upcoming Candidates Forum to the
90 Library. It was ultimately agreed that due to scheduling, the event will be held at the Town
91 Hall on February 29th at 7 P.M.

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93 Selectman Hopkins noted upcoming Recreation Committee sponsored events:

- 94 • February 17th Karaoke
- 95 • February 24th pulled pork dinners to go
- 96 • March 1st roller skating

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98 Chairman Chasse stated that the next Water and Sewer Commission meeting is scheduled for
99 Wednesday, February 7th.

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101 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

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103 **4. NEW BUSINESS:**

104 **A. WELFARE LIEN RELEASE:**

105 **MOTION** to release the welfare lien on Map 18, Lot 95, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND**
106 by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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108 **B. SOLAR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:** The Board stated no action needed to
109 be taken on this. A Selectman will sign off on the appropriate document outside of the
110 meeting.

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112 **C. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BACKHOE:** The Board briefly discussed needed repairs
113 to their backhoe. It was stated that they would be within the Town’s purchasing policy
114 threshold so the Road Agent could move forward with them without Board action.

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116 **D. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LAPTOP:** The Board added the purchase of a laptop for
117 the Road Agent to the agenda. They discussed a quote received from their IT service
118 provider, WorldWide Computer Solutions.

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120 **MOTION** to approve the purchase of a laptop for the Highway Department in the amount of
121 up to \$700, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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124 **6. OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

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126 **7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

127 **A. Recent Manifests:**

Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifests to be Approved				
Payroll	Week Ending Date	Check Date	Total	Notes
	2/4/2024	2/12/2024	\$ 19,565.78	
	2/11/2024	2/16/2024	\$ 16,606.74	
Accounts Payable	NA	2/5/2024	\$ 115.47	
	NA	2/8/2024	\$ 27,958.18	
	NA	2/12/2024	\$ 115.47	
	NA	2/15/2024	\$ 81,179.43	PRIMEX PAYMENT \$62,172.00

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130 **MOTION** to approve the payroll and accounts payable manifests, as submitted, Selectman
131 Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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133 **B. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

134 **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting, as submitted,
135 Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-0-0.**

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137 **MOTION** to approve the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2024 meeting, Non-Public
138 Session, as amended, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins. **VOTES: 3-**
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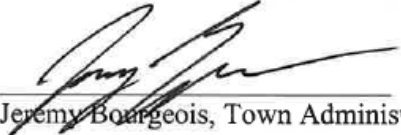
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141 **8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** None at this time.

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143 **9. NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 7, 2024

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145 **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting, Selectman Thackston, **SECOND** by Selectman Hopkins.
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148 The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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151 **TROY SELECT BOARD:**

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Jeremy Bourgeois, Town Administrator



TJ Chasse, Chairman

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Curtis Hopkins

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Richard H. Thackston, III