

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Remote Meeting by Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Al Cummings, Melanie Ames Zamojski, Michael Nelson

Staff: Health Director, Daniel Wasiuk, Health Clerk, Anne E. H. Stuart

Al Cummings opened the meeting at 5:30PM.

Review of Board of Health FY23 budget.

- Daniel Wasiuk gave an overview of what he felt the increased needs are for the department currently and going forward are.
- The position of the Public Health Nurse is currently held by Cheryl Volpe, is at a pay rate of \$55.00 for 10-12 hours of service per week. The thought is to review the pay and hours with the Board again. Having this position currently and through the pandemic has been crucial to the Board of Health.
- The position of Health Clerk is currently held by Anne Stuart, is at a B 10 \$21.92. The scope of work and duties have greatly expanded and evolved within the department over the last 3 years. Daniel feels that due to this and the fact that it will continue to be at that level and continue to evolve that the position needs to be re-examined and a new job description written to reflect this. There also in the near future will be negotiations with the unions including (NAGE) which represents this position.
- The need for an inspectional vehicle at around \$30,000 (electric vehicle or used vehicle form a town department) that could be shared with the other two offices within Town Hall (Assessing Department & Building Department) is seen as a priority for all three. The liability is carried by the employee both in insurance coverage at a business rate as well as general wear and tear on a personal vehicle. It is also a concern given that the Board of Health job along with the other departments are compliance and evaluation focused.
- The request for an increased supply line as the printers recommended and purchased through Moody Consulting the previous IT contractor runs \$800 for a suite of ink when the printer was only about \$600.

Montague Board of Health went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

- The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position.

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to go into executive session at 6:00 PM. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye

*Michael Nelson **Motioned** to leave executive session at 6:35 PM. Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes.***

Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye

The Town of Montague is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to adjourn the regular Board of Health meeting at 6:36 PM.
Seconded by Melanie Ames Zamojski. **Motion passes**

Announcements

- Chair – Al Cummings announcement will not be seeking another term with the BOH
- Appointment of Daniel Wasiuk Director of Health through June 30, 2023
- The entire board agreed to appoint Daniel Wasiuk to the Director of Health position.

Michael Nelson **Motioned** to appoint Daniel Wasiuk Director of Health through June of 2023 to be executed as well through the Selectboard.

- Nelson -Aye, Zamojski – Aye, Cummings – Aye

Approved by: _____

Date: _____