

Central Vermont Public Safety Authority
Feb 20, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
6:30pm at CV Chamber, 963 N Paine Tpk, Berlin, VT.

Board Members Present: Kim Cheney, Chair; Dona Bate, Sally Dillion, Doug Hoyt (Skyped), Mike Smith, and Will Schwarz. Other Attendee: Stephen Whitaker (arrived at 7:10pm).

Kim called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Doug authorized Kim to sign payment vouchers for him. Mike made motion to approve agenda as amended by Dona's request to add payment to Eternity for web services. Will made second and motion passed.

No changes to Jan 16, 2020 Minutes which were approved by unanimous consent.

Sally made motion to elect Beverlee Hill Treasurer for one-year March 202 to March 2021, and Will second. Motion passed unanimously. Dona asked if Kim had filed the papers, she signed last month to be a signatory on checking account. He said that the banking requirements were too complicated to do right now as the whole board would have to sign a signature card. Dona asked that he file her papers anyway.

Sally made motion to approve and authorize payments, Will second and motion passed to pay the following vendors:

- a) \$2,500- City of Barre for Dispatcher Training
- b) \$225- Tarrant, Gillies, Richardson & Shems
- c) \$1,111- Eternity Web

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General discussion of the vendor selection process was inclusive other than desire to setup a conference call at CVMC, which Kim offered to do. Kim was disappointed that Joe Aldsworth and Fred Cummings were unable to attend the meeting tonight. Dona felt they couldn't contribute much as Bill Fraser's email had said the unified Cities opinion on selecting the engineering firm would not be ready until CVPSA's March board meeting.

Kim spend time talking about future issues of bonding and role of CapWest. He did find the MOU between CVPSA and CapWest though he didn't bring it tonight. We'll need to review that and the contractual agreement CapWest has with Montpelier.

Dona asked for an Executive Session to discuss performance CVPSA board members. Kim felt there was no need as he no longer had any issue with Mike and Dona serving another term. Dona wanted to talk about Kim not following Board directives, such as talking with Bev about doing an audit when the board voted in January (as recommended by Paul Gillies) to accept the City of Montpelier audit as sufficient; and not completing the paperwork to get the board approved signatories on bank account.

She was concerned that rather than bring his concerns about term limits to the board, he acted on his own to tell Mike and Dona they couldn't serve another term on the board. And it took push back and research from Dona to get him and Paul to reconsider their initial findings. The CVPSA board decides its policy and actions, not its Chair nor any single director.

Kim stated his disappointment that Dona run for the At-Large Director position on the upcoming March ballot. He wanted to appoint someone from the CVMC to that position. Dona reminded Kim that for the past two years we've had an At-Large opening (Sam's resigned) on the board neither Tom nor he have been able to get anyone from CVMC or elsewhere to agree to serve.

Under Other Business, Stephen Whitaker shared the latest from the Statehouse. Government Ops Chair and Governor are talking about eliminating free state dispatching, improving broadband and creating funds for regional dispatch. There is also concern about the availability and cost of EMS training which has caused a statewide EMS shortage.

Kim shared that the Charter requires appointing officers on first Wednesday in April. The Charter reads:

9. Organizational Meeting

(a) Annually, on the first Wednesday in April, the board shall hold its organizational meeting at a time and place designated by the Board Chair.

(b) At the organization meeting, the Board shall elect from among its membership a Chair and Vice Chair...

14. Officers – list Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer as well as option for assistants for secretary & treasurer.

In the past the CVPSA Board has elected its Officers on its last regular meeting in March, that was when there were two meetings a month. It has not held a special meeting in April.

Next regular Board Mtg will be March 19th Thurs at 6:30-8pm at CV Chamber conference room.

Kim adjourned meeting at 7:26pm.