DRAFT MINUTES

MONTVILLE SELECTBOARD

February 11, 2020 6:00 PM

Present: Bob Price (1st Selectperson), Cathy Roberts (2nd Selectperson), Bob LeRoy (3rd Selectperson), Jeanne Coleman (Administrative Assistant), Melinda Steeves (Liberty 1st Selectperson), Carrie Peavey (Liberty 2nd Selectperson), Kenn Ortman (Liberty Town Administrator), Chris Birge & Jason Earl (LVAS) Chief, Bill Gillespie (Liberty Fire Chief) and the individuals identified on the attached list.

1. LVAS: Chief Chris Birge advised that he, and his assistant chief Jason, would be terminating their positions effective 1/1/2021 and that there was no one willing to take them over. He further advised that a vote had been taken, in accordance with the by-laws, and the Liberty Volunteer Ambulance Service (LVAS) would be dissolved at the end of 2020. LVAS, the Liberty Select Board, and the Liberty Fire Department had begun exploring the possibility of the Town taking the ambulance service over. If LVAS were to become a Municipal ambulance service it would be placed under the auspices of the Liberty Fire Department. Fire Chief Bill Gillespie stated that he would need a full year to know what to expect and to investigate what value-based options are available. Billing services, outstanding debt collection, and the level of EMT certification (relative to pay) were specifically addressed. It was suggested that an audit could help to determine how to do things better. After much discussion it was agreed that the ambulance service would need to be supported by both Liberty and Montville this fiscal year. It was concluded that the requested amount of $74,000 should go on both Town’s Warrants. It was also agreed that this amount would not be sustainable long-term and that all facets of the operation need to be analyzed during the year and a strategic plan formulated. It was further agreed that Montville would have a representative on the Ambulance Board who would help with the process and report back to the Montville Select Board. Chris cautioned the group that long-range goals needs to be developed otherwise there might come a time when there is no coverage at night.

The meeting began at 6:00 PM and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jeanne Coleman

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