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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Tuesday January 31st 2017, 6:30pm
UNAPPROVED

Selectboard members present: Charlie Hancock-chairman, Scott Perry-vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Sarah Silva, Colin Sorenson (conference call)

Visitors: Sue Wilson
Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

1. **Review and make any changes to the agenda.** No change.
2. **Review and approve proposed 2017 Town of Montgomery Municipal Budget.** Charlie reviewed the budget committee recommendations for the 2017 budget. Colin noted that he felt the board did not have enough time to look over the budget prior to approval. Board members discussed the budget committee timeline and several issues regarding server crashes that caused some delays in getting figures by the regularly scheduled budget meetings. Charlie indicated that the committee scheduled special meetings to ensure they covered all line items prior to the approval deadline. Despite the minor setbacks the board discussed the highlighted changes in the budget from last year to the proposed year at length and made changes as needed. Scott motioned to adopt the proposed 2017 municipal budget of \$1, 312,166.00 seconded by Mark and passed by unanimous roll call vote.
3. **Review and approve Warning for Town of Montgomery Annual Town Meeting-2017.** Board reviewed the Draft Warning and made edits as necessary. Mark motioned to approve the warning as amended, seconded by Scott, and passed by unanimous roll call vote.
4. **Review and approve proposed 2017 Town of Montgomery Water Department Budget.** The board discussed whether to wait to approve the water department budget as there was still discussion to be had regarding the water rates, which have not increased in seven years, and current standings with the amount of water system hookups. Members discussed how connections have decreased over the years as well as delinquencies on several connections thus contributing to the decrease in revenue. Scott presented the board with a draft proposal of water rates that would help bring the rates up enough to ensure that it cover the cost of the bond payment and maintenance of the facility while still keeping them at a reasonable cost per quarter. Discussion was had. Scott motioned to increase the base usage rate from \$55.00 to \$60.00 and the additional usage cost from \$5 to \$7 per thousand gallons above 4000 per quarter. Mark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The board agreed to carry over the approval of the water budget until the next meeting in order to reflect these changes.

Mark motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Colin and the board adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Reighley