**TOWN OF LIVERMORE**

**Board of Selectpersons**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 7, 2021**

**5 PM**

**BOARD:** SCOTT RICHMOND, MARK CHRETIEN, TRACEY MARTIN, RANDY OUELLETTE

**DEPT HEADS:** AARON MILLER

**RESIDENTS/GUESTS:** PAUL BINNETTE

**PRESS:** PAM HARNDEN

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes

August 31, 2021 – The board agreed to table these minutes.

1. Paul Binnette – Assessor’s Agent

Paul explained that given the changing electricity market, Eagle Creek asked for a review on their assessment.

George Sansoucy, PE, LLC, a licensed engineer and industrial appraiser reported on August 26, the most recent exam of all four hydro dams in the area revealed a total assessed value of $45.1 million, down from nearly $62.7 million last year.

Livermore’s hydro is now valued at $21.4 million, down nearly $2 million from last year.

To discuss the matter further, Tracey motioned to enter into executive session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) “Discussion of Confidential Records,” seconded by Scott; 4-0.

Scott motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Tracey; 4-0.

Scott motioned to accept the values as presented by Sansoucy, seconded by Tracey; 4-0.

As for setting the tax rate, Paul noted that the auditors say we can take $150k out of surplus if needed.

The board examined tax rate scenarios including:

* $0 from Undesignated Fund Balance, $51k overlay: $16.25 mil rate
* $100k from Undesignated Fund Balance, $39k overlay: $15.75 mil rate.
* $50k from Undesignated Fund Balance, $50k overlay: $16 mil rate.

Asked why such a large difference over last year’s $1,683,451 budget, Paul said the auditors claim that Aaron’s math for this year’s $2,020,627 budget is correct.

1. Other

Scott noted that Vortex started the “slipline” of the culvert on River Rd. and should completed by the end of the week.

1. Executive Session: Consultations with Legal Counsel 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)

Scott motioned to enter into executive session, seconded by Tracey; 4-0.

Scott motioned to exit executive session, seconded by Randy; 4-0.

1. Scott motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tracey at 6:25 p.m.; 4-0.