PUBLIC HEARING For Adopting Preliminary budget as 2024 adopted budget @ 5:30pm

@ the Town Hall on November 8, 2023

Present: Guests: Supervisor White Bobby Knox

Councilor Kerr - absent
Councilor Beachard
Councilor Burnham
Councilor -vacant
Superintendent Meilleur
Tess Eells-Town Clerk

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 PM by Supervisor White and opened to the public for discussion.

Tess stated that the historian would like another \$100.00 added to her expense account. Supervisor White stated if she went over the amount in budget there is funds to cover that amount.

There were no changes to the 2024 Preliminary budget and no questions from the galley.

RESOLUTION: **55** Adopting the Preliminary Budget as final budget for 2024:

A motion was made by Councilor Beachard

And seconded by Councilor Burnham

Whereas the town board gave the public the opportunity to voice for/ or against the preliminary budget,

Therefore, the Town Board adopts the presented 2024 preliminary budget as the 2024 final budget.

Ayes - 3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays - 0 Motion carried

Special Meeting opened up with motion by Supervisor White and seconded by Councilor Beachard.

Supervisor White stated he talked with BOE and they said the board could appoint Erika Rowe to start Council position anytime to fill the vacant Councilperson seat.

RESOLUTION: 56 Appointing Erika Rowe to Vacant Councilperson Seat

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Beachard to: **Therefore**, the Russell Town Board appoints Erika Rowe to start immediately to the Councilperson vacancy left by Councilor Whiteford resigning.

Ayes – 3 Beachard, White, Burnham

Nays – 0 Motion carried

Tess stated Erika had to do an oath of office within 30 days of appointment.

A motion was made by Councilor Burnham and seconded by Councilor Beachard to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM

Ayes – 3 Beachard, Burnham, White

Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Adopted 2024 Budget is attached to the minutes.

Respectfully submitted by Tess Eells, Russell Town Clerk.