TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

February 21, 2018

The Special Town Meeting of the Town of Voluntown was held at the Voluntown Fire Department, Route 165, Voluntown, Connecticut on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes wit:

The meeting was called to order by Tracey Hanson, First Selectman with the reading of the Notice of Special Town Meeting.

Pamela Theroux, Town Clerk served as clerk for the meeting.

Call for the moderator by the Clerk. Judith Allik made a motion to nominate Tracey Hanson as moderator, which was seconded by Thomas Wilber. There were no other nominations.

Call for the vote. All were in favor of Tracey Hanson serving as moderator. So carried. Tracy Hanson will serve as moderator.

Item 1. To consider and act on the following resolution:

(a)        **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN** shall appropriate $65,000 from the Undesignated Fund for repairs to the roof of the Voluntown Fire House located at 205 Preston City Road.

The Moderator called for the approval of item 1. Arthur Ivanick moved item #1 for approval, the motion was seconded by Timothy Adams. All were in favor.

Item 1 was opened for discussion. A question was asked regarding what exactly we are replacing and it was explained that the entire roof would be stripped and redone. There was also a question regarding the bidding process and whether Voluntown town residents in good tax standing would be considered before others. It was stated that that would be taken into consideration when reviewing bids.

Deborah Maynard made a motion to close discussion. The motion was seconded by Walter Mitchell. All were in favor discussion was closed.

Deborah Maynard made a motion to vote by hand and it was seconded by Martin Grenier.

All were in favor. Item # 1 passed.

Item 2. To consider the following resolution to:

(a)        **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN** shall appropriate $220,000 from the Undesignated Fund for the purchase of a new fire truck.

(i)         As required by the Town’s “Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance” of 1998, Item 2(a) of this Notice will **NOT** be voted on at the Special Town Meeting on February 21, 2018, and instead shall be submitted to a referendum vote to be held at the Voluntown Town Hall, 115 Main Street, Voluntown, Connecticut on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the following question: **“SHALL THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN APPROPRIATE $220,000 FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK?”** Voters who favor the passage of the resolution will vote “Yes,” and those opposed will vote “No.” Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

Thomas Wilber made a motion to approve item 2, the motion was seconded by Arthur Ivanick. All were in favor.

Item 2 was opened for discussion. Tracey Hanson explained that the town has already set aside $220,000 for the new fire truck. The other $220,000 that is needed will come out of the undesignated fund which is actually a little high right now. This will not affect the mill rate or next year’s budget. It was also asked and explained that this would not hurt our bond rating and that we could not get help from the state on this. Jody Grenier explained the need for a new truck and why we are replacing it as well as what we are replacing it with. He also explained why we need to do this now.

Deborah Maynard made a motion to close discussion seconded by William Adams. This was voted down 12 to 15. After further discussion Judith Allik made a motion to close discussion seconded by William Adams. All were in favor and discussion was closed.

The town meeting adjourned at 7:30P.M. for a referendum vote on the resolutions presented under item 2 of the Notice.

The referendum was held on Tuesday, March 6, between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. and the Moderator announced that the questions had been approved/rejected by the following votes:

**“SHALL THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN APPROPRIATE $220,000 FROM THE UNDESIGNATED FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK?”**

Number of “Yes” votes 127

Number of “No” votes 26

Pamela Theroux made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mark “Skip” Oulton. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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|  | Pamela E. Theroux  Voluntown Town Clerk |