

**Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting  
June 29, 2020  
6:15 p.m.  
Tantasqua Regional High School Auditorium**

**Present:**

Mary Blanchard, Chairman  
Selectman Ian Dunnigan  
Selectman Chase Kaitbenski  
Selectman Suprenant

**Absent:**

Mary Dowling, Vice Chairman

**Staff:**

Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator

**Chair Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm**

**Final Review of the ATM Warrants**

The first article review was Article 44: Tax Relief. The Board of Selectmen was asked to determine the final amount of funds from Stabilization to include in the Article.

**Motion: To recommend the amount of \$570,000 from Stabilization for tax relief for Fiscal Year 2021 By: Selectman Suprenant**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Kaitbenski**

**Vote: All in Favor (4-0)**

The next article to be discussed was Article 41: Property Tax Exemption for Gold Star Families. The Board of Selectmen have voted to approve the article as written, however the Finance Committee has recommended the Town take no action on the Article. The Board of Selectmen took no further on the Article.

**Approval of deficit spending for COVID-19 costs**

Finance Director Barbara Barry is recommending, based upon guidance from the Director of Accounts Division of Local Services, to request permission to deficit spend for COVID-19 expenses.

**Motion: To request approval for deficit spending in the amount of \$150,000 to address COVID-19 related expenses. These funds will be used for personnel costs, overtime, costs related to extraordinary cleaning of town buildings, maintaining the health and safety of employees and the public, including the cost of personal protective supplies and equipment, and costs to implement remote participation for meetings under the Open Meetings Law**

**By: Selectman Suprenant**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Kaibenski**

**Vote: All in Favor (4-0)**

**Motion: To adjourn at 6:33 p.m. By: Selectman Kaibenski**

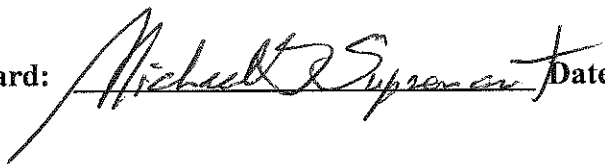
**2<sup>nd</sup>: Selectman Dunnigan**

**Vote: All in Favor (4-0)**

**Adjourned at 6:33 p.m.**

**Minutes prepared by: Jeff Bridges**

**Clerk of the Board:**

 **Date signed:** 09-18-2020