**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Poultney Selectboard**

**Monday, December 30, 2024 – 4:30 PM**

**Poultney Town Hall**

**Zoom Recording located here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/KwbMu5cC8ZdTcgphYB5eBS65gr01ldZkT1RosXhtugh4baE-LKHXDqfYAVTqpgTt.6uCuZUBwHvHWmS1u>

Jeff King called the meeting to order and led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Sheryl Porrier, Alan-Glen Burnell and Mark Teetor. Others present included Paul A. Donaldson and Mary Sue Reed.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Sheryl Porrier made a motion to adopt the Agenda. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:** Valerie Broughton made a motion to approve the minutes of 12-9-24. Mark Teetorseconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Resolution For ARPA Allocation:** Paul Donaldson explained that VLCT suggests that the Selectboard re-obligate ARPA funds ($35,000.00) dedicated to the Guaranty of the demolition contract on the property across from the Town Office since it appears the homeowner will be able to pay for the same, and the board needs to re-obligate $7,500.00 of the ARPA funds obligated to pay for the Merger Study, which is the amount of the grant we received after the initial obligation.

Alan-Glen Burnell made the following motion:

I make a motion to approve a Resolution to obligate and expend SLFRF funds in an amount up to $42,500.00 for the purpose of government expenses incurred by the Town of Poultney, specifically: (a) Rutland County Taxes in the amount of $25,940.83; (b) auditor expenses in the amount of $11,000.00; and (c) $5,559.17 for postage fees, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Sheryl Porrier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor. Paul Donaldson circulated the prepared Resolution for the board to sign.

The Selectboard also set two budget meetings as follows: 01-09-2024, at 4:30PM, and 01-13-2024, at 5:00PM.

**Adjournment:** Alan-Glen Burnell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Teetor seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

s/Paul A. Donaldson

**RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ALLOCATION**

**WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** ARPA created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) that provided direct funding to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Poultney has accepted an allocation of SLFRF in the amount of $ 509,490.06; and

**WHEREAS**, SLFRF provides needed fiscal relief for recipients that have experienced revenue loss due to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Treasury presumes that up to $10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.”; and

**WHEREAS**, Recipients may elect a “standard allowance” of $10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance; and

**WHEREAS**, All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including those with total allocations of $10 million or less; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Poultney has the need to fund government services while in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED,** the Selectboard of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, authorize the following:

**Section 1.** The following allocation of SLFRF funding to fund government services under the replacing lost public sector revenue spending category as follows:

Obligate and expend SLFRF funds in an amount up to $42,500.00 for the purpose of government expenses incurred by the Town of Poultney, specifically: (a) Rutland County Taxes in the amount of $25,940.83; (b) auditor expenses in the amount of $11,000.00; and (c) $5,559.17 for postage fees, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Passed and Adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Poultney, Vermont on the 30th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

**s/Alan-Glen Burnell s/Mark Teetor s/Sheryl Porrier s/Jeffrey M. King**