

**Town of Benton**  
**Budget Hearing and Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 6, 2023**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott; Kimberly Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Mike Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:31 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the January 9, 2023 and January 23, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter, and the motion passed.

The Board signed the intergovernmental agreement with Woodsville Ambulance for the year starting July 1, 2023.

Chairman Darcy reported on the status of the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NH PDIP) account which has been established. He has closed the ICS account and transferred the funds to the Woodsville Savings Bank operating fund account in preparation for fund transfers to the NH PDIP. He said he would be making some test deposits and withdrawals before transferring funds over the FDIC insurance limit to the NH PDIP account. He would also add Member Elliott to the account so she could make transfers between our operating account and the NH PDIP account.

Treasurer Swauger reported that before the above-described money transfers the operating account balance was \$456,852.77 and the ICS account had \$254,222.77.

There was a discussion of Member Elliott's report to the health department necessary for a High Street resident to take custody of a child and the fine work she did on the home inspection and report.

There was some discussion on the Annual Report and the Town Meeting on March 14, 2023.

Member Elliott handed out a NH DOT document on the rules for driver feedback radar devices and asked Members to review the document for discussion at the next meeting. Member Carpenter registered her opposition to the use of such devices in Benton.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.