



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-32
COUNCIL MTG OF: March 16, 2021
FROM: Administration
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Authorizing Hazard Pay for Election Officials and Workers

INTRODUCTION

The Town Council is being requested to authorize the continuation of hazard pay for election officials and workers through the March 9, 2021 elections and to authorize payment for extraordinary election expenses.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

See comments within this staff report.

BACKGROUND

The Town Council at its July 21 meeting voted to award hazard pay to poll workers in the amount of \$15.00 per hour for work at the polls in order to address the hazards of interacting with the public during the Pandemic. This authorization was in effect for the September 2020 Primary and the November 2020 General Election. It is recommended to continue this pay status through the March 9, 2021 town and school elections.

Also, the Town contracted with ServPro to deliver disinfectant services at West Running Brook which was performed after the polls closed.

DISCUSSION

The Town's election officials and workers had to endure the same public health concerns and precautions that existed during the Sept. and Nov. elections. Election officials and workers had to accommodate and serve some COVID-19 positive voters at the polls and wore PPE throughout the day.

The disinfectant protocols continued from the Sept. and Nov. elections as well.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Town has adequate funds within its COVID-19 Trust to pay for these services. The hazard pay cost \$4,586.25 and the ServPro invoice was \$3,936.80 for a total expense of \$8,523.05.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

To adopt Resolution #2021-020 (please read Resolution #2021-020)

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