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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

APPROVED March 10, 2014

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. George Langwasser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair, George Langwasser, Vice Chair, Sue B. Strickford, Sara Persechino and Ken Traum

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Ken Wilkens, John Thayer, Highway Superintendent

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Consent Agenda

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mrs. Persechino:

Item	Date	Action	Comments
Accounts Payable Manifest	02/24/14	Approved	\$ 27,158.77
Accounts Payable Manifest	02/24/14	Approved	\$129,911.66
Payroll Manifest	02/24/14	Approved	\$ 69,513.73
Building Permit	02/24/14	Approved	Map 218 Lot 9
Building Permit	02/24/14	Approved	Map 251 Lot 14
Intent to Cut	02/24/14	Approved	Map 208 Lot 88
Veteran's Credit	02/24/14	Approved	William Boynton
Elderly Exemption	02/24/14	Approved	William Boynton
Abatement	02/14/14	Approved	Rob Miller
Letter to Rev. Kevin Nicholas	02/24/14	Approved	
Letter to Judith Sanborn	02/24/14	Approved	
NOBIS	02/24/14	Approved	Landfill monitoring
PAF	02/24/14	Approved	Recreation step raise

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of February 10, 2014. Mr. Traum made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Persechino to approve the minutes of February 10, 2014.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of February 10, 2014. Mr. Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

The Board reviewed the Bond Hearing meeting minutes of February 10, 2014. Mrs. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langwasser, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

John Thayer, Highway Superintendent was in to discuss the budget for 2014. Before he began, Mrs. Strickford stated she wanted to thank the highway crew for all their hard work and long hours put in because of all the recent winter storms. Mr. Thayer stated he would pass it on to the crew.

Mr. Thayer stated we are currently over budget in the sand and salt line item and the highway overtime line item is close to over budget. Mr. Thayer also mentioned the need to order more pellets for the heating system, which he stated is working very well. A discussion ensued with regards to how much more money would be needed to make up for the shortfall. Also discussed was truck maintenance. Discussion ensued with regards to amending the amount at Town Meeting. Chairman O'Brien explained the process for amending an Article from the floor. Mr. Traum inquired about the filling of potholes. Mr. Thayer replied some were filled last week and they will be doing more this coming week.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Fire Station Renovation Update: There will be a Fire Station Building Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 8:00 am at the Town Hall.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Warrant Article Assignments:

Article 3: Bond-Jim O'Brien

Article 4: Budget-Ken Traum

Article 5: Capital Reserves-George Langwasser

Article 6: Expendable Trust Funds-Sue Strickford

Article 7: Pay by Bag-Sara Persechino

Article 8: Presented by Petitioner

Article 9: Price of bags for Pay by Bag-Jim O'Brien

Article 10: Operational & maintenance Slusser Senior Center-Sue Strickford

Mrs. Persechino inquired if the opening remarks at Town Meeting could include Sestercentennial announcement.

Town Meeting Items: Mr. Cass stated the notebooks and script, will be ready soon, the budget has been posted. Mr. Cass stated the handouts will be the same as last year. Mr. Cass also stated the post cards announcing that town reports are available as well as upcoming important dates will be mailed as soon as the town reports are delivered. A discussion ensued with regards to coverage on Election Day. Mr. Langwasser will be there all day; Mrs. Persechino and Mr. Traum will also attend.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Town Report Update: Town Reports will be in by the end of the week. Mr. Cass informed the Board that he, Finance Director Deb Gallant and Fire Chief Doug Mumford met with an ambulance billing company.

Mrs. Strickford noted that Dial a Ride is in need of drivers. You can sign up at the Senior Center.

Mr. Langwasser made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant