

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2015**

PRESENT: Mr. David A. Delanski; Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Lavash, Sr., Vice-Chairman and Mr. Dario Nardi; Clerk

ATTENDEES: Stan & Bev Soltys, James Kordek, Thomas Boudreau, Robert Downing, Bill Scanlan, Jen Walters and Bill Schlosstein

Chairman Delanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Shepard Municipal Building.

Chairman Delanski announced that tonight's meeting was being both video and audio taped and requested anyone in the audience to disclose if they are recording tonight's meeting. - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Nardi advised all that a meeting has been set for Saturday, January 17th at 10AM to which the members will meet at 135 Brimfield Road with James Fountain for a site inspection. Previously, Mr. Fountain came before the Board to advise them that he is in the process of developing his property which abuts the Highway Garage. He questioned the Board at the time to see if there would be any interest in possibly purchasing and constructing a Police Station. The Board will view the property on said date. The Board will recess and reconvene at the MOB for the remainder of the meeting. Notice has been posted.

Mr. Delanski would like to have the discussion regarding holiday pay on the next agenda.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Soltys requested to meet with the Board members as well as Mr. Blackwell in order to resolve this ongoing issue of the clock/key/chimes. All were agreeable to meet at a date/time convenient to all. Mr. Soltys and Mr. Blackwell will be contacted. As a side note, Mr. Lavash advised all that his understanding of the chimes was that the room had to be heated in order to run properly. Mr. Soltys felt that he was incorrect and he was under the impression that the mechanism could run as long as the temperature didn't drop below -20°. Again, all will be notified as to the date/time for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Formal request from Tim O'Brien on behalf of Emergency Management seeking the Board's approval to establish a Gift Account for Emergency Management. The request is in accordance with M.G.L. c44-53A and can be executed by a majority vote of the Board.
Motion to approve as presented made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.
- Monthly report for December 2014 from Fire Chief Adam Lavoie. – ***Noted.***
- Memo from Fire Chief Lavoie informing the Board of minor damage to Engine #3 while responding to a call. The truck slid off resulting in it being stuck and hung up on pavement and the embankment. An accident report was completed and filed with the Police Department once they returned to the station. The BOS office was verbally notified the

following morning. Engine #3 is back in service. Chief Lavoie would like the Board to know that this was an accident and in no way due to reckless or negligent driving. -**Noted**

- Letter from Gov. Baker's Office informing the town that the Chapter 90 apportionment for FY15 has increased from \$290,822.00 to \$436,232.00. - **Noted**
- Request from Officer Jeffrey Von Dauber, President of the Warren Patrolmen's Association to meet with the Board on January 21st at 10AM (next Wednesday). They are looking to set ground rules as well as scheduling future meeting dates/times. – **After a discussion, the Board requested that the office contact Officer Von Dauber to provide other dates/times after 2PM.**
- Letter from PVPC requesting the Chairman to sign the City/Town-Owner Agreement for a housing rehab project in Ware (Chairman to sign). – **Motion to allow the Chairman to sign as presented by PVPC made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.**

BORREGO SOLAR

Borrego Solar, developer for the solar farm at the landfill has requested a Special Town Meeting in order for the residents to consider a tax agreement, lease agreement and possible PPA (power purchase agreement). If approved by the Board, Borrego Solar agreed to incur the cost associated with holding a STM. After a discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to hold a Special Town Meeting in February and all costs incurred will be borne by Borrego Solar made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous. (Note: The specific date will be voted on at the next meeting.)

While discussing Borrego Solar, Mr. Delanski once again expressed his displeasure at Mr. Scanlan's attendance at the meeting. His concern is that Mr. Scanlan was directly told that his attendance was not required tonight, however still chose to show up. He is contractually paid at a rate of \$65.00/hour. Mr. Downing expressed his disappointment at the Board for putting him in a horrible position. Mr. Delanski rebutted by stating that if anyone put him (Mr. Downing) in a bad position, it was Mr. Scanlan.

THOMAS BOUDREAU – HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

The Woodard & Curran contract was before the Board this evening for signatures. Woodard & Curran are the design engineers for the Spring Street Culvert project thru the MassWorks Grant. They have submitted the proposal for Engineering Design, Regulatory Permitting & Construction Inspection Services, to which all funding is through the grant. Motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Woodard & Curran Contract as submitted for the Spring Street Culvert Replacement Project made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Mr. Boudreau also attended to discuss his proposal for waste disposal of large items that are discarded around town such as tires, sofas, TV's, etc. Currently, the Highway Department uses the landfill to discard items to which he is charged a fee for disposal. He contacted Wheelabrator for a quote. They offered a contract price of \$150.00/ton minimum for a 36 month period. Mr. Boudreau stated that if the contract is signed and he doesn't go, then there is no cost to the town. One thought was to stockpile items at the highway barn until it was deemed that an appropriate amount of items had been discarded then make the trip to Millbury. Other options were to either twice a year order a roll-off dumpster or request to create a line item and fund it specifically for disposal costs. Motion to sign the contract for Wheelabrator as presented contingent upon Town Meeting Approval made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

FY15 1st QUARTER AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS

Motion to approve the FY15 1st Quarter Ambulance Abatements as presented made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Motion to sign warrant #58 dated January 12, 2015 for payroll in the amount of \$36,027.73 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

Motion to sign vendor warrant #59 dated January 12, 2015 in the amount of \$77,960.16 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014 and January 6, 2015 as written made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Lavash – unanimous.

OTHER BUSINES

Mr. Lavash advised all that the architect working on the Town Hall (portico) has provided information Madeline Witaszek who also serves on the THRC. Mr. Lavash will speak with her and provide additional information at the next meeting.

Mr. Nardi requested that the Board consider changing the format of the Agenda to have the Minutes after the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that it would be helpful in order to maintain a current status on action items. Mr. Delanski didn't have a problem with it. Mr. Lavash had no comment.

Next Regular Meeting Date: January 20, 2015 at 7PM

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Lavash; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Selectmen's Assistant

Dario F. Nardi, Clerk