

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Chairman Foyle called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 6:30 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mrs. Walter was away on business.

I. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 21, 23, and 28 as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1019 for \$40,109.59. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1020 for \$128,930.94. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #10 for \$297,255.00. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Foyle announced that the last day to register to vote at the November 21st Special Town Meeting is today until 8 PM.

B. Police Chief Thomasian explained the Reverse 911 System that was presented to the selectmen at the last meeting. The system would enable the town to notify residents or groups of residents in the event of an emergency or impending danger. The system is free to the town through June of 2010, and the town will be able to make a decision at that time on whether or not to continue. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve and sign the agreement. So voted.

C. Mr. Foyle stated that the selectmen want to reduce the utility costs for the town offices, and have been discussing the various options. The one that seems to have the most promise is the closing of town offices on Fridays. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to close the town offices on Friday beginning December 1st. So voted.

D. Chief Thomasian asked the selectmen to allow him to hire a new part-time officer to fill one of the vacancies left by several officers who are no longer employed here for various reasons. The Chief would like to hire Mike Corder. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to hire Mr. Corder. So voted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chief Thomasian presented the selectmen with a renewal of the current mutual aid agreement for central Massachusetts. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to approve and sign the agreement. So voted.

B. Mr. Petraitis reviewed the police report for the month of October. The report showed 29 incidents and 19 arrest or summons for the month. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to accept the report and place a copy on file. So voted.

C. Mr. Foyle read a reminder from Highway Superintendent Gary Jean reminding residents that raking leaves or plowing snow into the roads is strictly prohibited.

D. Mr. Petraitis read an invitation from the North Brookfield Youth Center inviting the selectmen to the first annual Sponsor Recognition Reception on December 2nd.

E. Mr. Foyle read an e-mail from Julie McCarthy announcing that the first meeting of the 200th Anniversary Committee will be held on November 18th in the Town Clerk's office.

F. At 7 PM Mr. Foyle opened a public hearing on the town's application for an EPA Cleanup Grant in the amount of \$200,000.00. This grant is for the 14 South Common Street parcel of the Downtown Development property. Mr. Foyle noted that EPA has been very generous to North Brookfield, as the town has already received two \$200,000.00 Cleanup Grants.

A draft of the town's application has been available on the town's website, www.northbrookfield.net. The application is due on November 14th, and we should know if it was successful sometime next year.

The grant will be used for soil remediation on that portion of the NBDD site. The town will need to provide a \$40,000.00 match.

There was a request made for comments or questions related to the grant application. No comments or questions were brought up. In addition, it was stated that there have been no questions or comments submitted to the committee or by any means to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Foyle thanked Representative Richard Neal, State Senator Stephen Brewer, State Representative Anne Gobi, the Police Building Committee, the Master Plan Implementation Committee and the North Brookfield Downtown Development Committee for their letters of support.

At 7:15 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to go off-camera to sign bills. So voted.

The selectmen signed the bi-weekly bills and payrolls.

There being no further business, Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mr. Foyle seconded, a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
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