

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009

Mrs. Walter called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7 PM with Mr. Petraitis also present. Mr. Foyle was away on business.

I. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 as written. So voted.

IA. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1031 for \$81,387.63. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1032 for \$112,230.12. So voted. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #15 for \$277,146.47. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis noted that the selectmen have a received a letter from the Department of Energy Resources explaining an energy efficiency grant that has been received by the town. The grant will be used for projects at the high school, the water department, and the senior center.

B. A letter requesting clarification of the selectmen's expectations for funding recommendations from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee will be postponed until next week when a full board is present.

C. Mrs. Walter announced that the Harlem Superstars will be in town tomorrow evening to play a basketball game against the North Brookfield Dream Team. The game is a fundraiser for the Friends of the North Brookfield Playground, and will take place at the high school at 6:30 PM.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis read an e-mail from Council on Aging chairman Julie McCarthy asking that the selectmen appoint Florine Martell, John Lofgren, and Carolyn Los as alternates to the council. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to appoint the three alternates. So voted.

B. A letter from Senator Stephen Brewer regarding cuts to local aid was tabled because it contained no new information.

C. Mr. Petraitis read a memo from Highway Superintendent Gary Jean notifying the selectmen that his Snow and Ice account will be "in the red" after this weeks warrant. Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to

allow the highway department to deficit spend in the Snow and Ice account. So voted.

D. The selectmen reviewed and approved two anticipated spending reports, one from the Town Accountant for \$1,700.00 for software support, and one from the Town Beach Committee for \$20.00 for caulking.

E. Mr. Petraitis read an announcement from the Friends of the North Brookfield Playground that they will be hosting a Valentine's Spaghetti Supper and Dance at the American Legion on February 7th. The proceeds will benefit their scholarship fund.

Mrs. Walter noted that the Hearts for Heat is also holding a spaghetti supper at the Masonic Lodge on January 31st.

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

The selectmen signed the bi-weekly bills and payrolls.

At 7:50 PM Mr. Petraitis moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to adjourn. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
Administrative Assistant