

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MAY 14, 2009

Chairman Petraitis called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 7 PM with all members present.

I. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2009 as written. So voted.

IA. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve school warrant #1050 for \$38,512.57. So voted. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve general warrant #1051 for \$77,537.42. So voted. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve BAN warrant #1052 for \$2,549,861.11. So voted. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve payroll warrant #23 for \$271,651.45. So voted.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis reviewed three requests for money from the Holden Hospital Funds for FY2010. They were from the North Brookfield Emergency Squad, from the North Brookfield Emergency Management Agency, and from the North Brookfield Police Department. Mrs. Walter noted that she was unsure if NBEMA was eligible to receive funding. She would like to check on this. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to defer action on these requests in order to check on the appropriateness of the NBEMA request. So voted.

B. Mr. Filipkowski read an e-mail from Harbour Fraser Hodder announcing the town-wide yard sale to be held on Saturday, May 16th. The event is sponsored by the Haston Free Library.

C. A question on whether or not to change the June 4th meeting with the Finance Committee to June 2nd, in order to return the selectmen's meetings to a Tuesday night schedule, was tabled in order to confer with the FinCom.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter read a letter from the United States Environmental Protection Agency announcing that North Brookfield has received another \$200,000 grant towards the cleanup of the former Aztec property. The selectmen praised former selectman Jim Foyle for his work in obtaining this grant.

There is a mandatory training session for this grant in Boston on May 28th. Mrs. Walter stated that she would attend. Mr. Filipkowski stated that if he can arrange his work schedule he would like to attend as well.

B. Mr. Petraitis offered the Board's congratulations to Sue Lewandowski, who was honored at the state house recently with the "Unsung Heroine" award. The selectmen noted that anyone who lives in North Brookfield is aware of how involved Sue is, and how hard she works for the community.

C. Mr. Filipkowski reviewed the April police report as submitted by Chief Thomasian. The Chief reported 32 incidents and 8 arrest or summons for the month. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

D. Eric Hevy, co-chairman of the Police Building Committee, came in to update the selectmen on last week's opening of general contractor bids. Mr. Hevy reported that the committee is recommending that P & P Construction be awarded the work. The \$2.7 million bid from P&P will allow the town to fund the project and all six of the alternates. Mr. Hevy reported that P&P has a "98" rating from DCAM, which is good news for the town. Mr. Hevy asked that the selectmen give their permission to move forward with the project. It is expected that work will begin in June. Mr. Filipkowski moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to accept the recommendation to hire P&P Construction, and to allow the committee to move forward. So voted, with Mrs. Walter abstaining.

E. Charles Lindgren, Chairman of the Capital Planning Improvement Committee, came in with his group's recommendations for FY2010. He presented a list of projects ranked according to which fiscal year the CIPC expects the projects to be completed. He noted that the current fiscal problems, both at the state and town level, have presented a serious challenge to the town's ability to support these capital projects over the next few years. Mr. Filipkowski moved, and Mr. Petraitis seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

F. Robert Smith and James Lovett, co-chairmen of the Finance Committee, came to present the selectmen an update on the FY2010 budget process. They were accompanied by Richard Chabot and Chet Lubelczyk of the committee. Mr. Smith reported that the FinCom is making progress, and they expect to be able to present a balanced budget in June. Mr. Smith met with most of the department heads, and reported that everyone has been eager to cooperate. The FinCom has sat with the School Committee on several occasions, and is working toward a budget number that will be acceptable to the school and to the town. There was some discussion on the need to hold a public forum to present the budget before town meeting; the date of June 4th was suggested as a possibility.

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to accept the report. So voted.

G. Mr. Petraitis reviewed a hearing notice from the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the hearing on June 10th on the application of Robert Anderson to construct a multi-family dwelling at 332 North Main Street.

H. Anticipated Spending Reports from the Planning Board, Selectmen, Collector, Town Beach Committee, and the Zoning Board of Appeals were all approved pending verification of account balances.

I. The selectmen reviewed a request from the Water Department to approve the hiring of Edward Thibeault for emergency backhoe services. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to approve that request. So voted.

There being no further business, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Filipkowski seconded, a motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Scott Burton
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