



## MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.  
CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

First Selectman Knickerbocker called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman Knickerbocker appointed Wendy Smith as the Acting Clerk for tonight's Special Town Meeting. Acting Clerk Wendy Smith read the call for tonight's Special Town Meeting as follows:

### WARNING NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL, CONNECTICUT

The Legal Voters of the Town of Bethel, Connecticut, and those persons entitled to vote therein, are notified to assemble at a Special Town Meeting to be held in the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A", 1 School Street, Bethel, Connecticut 06801 on Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes, to wit:

- 1.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance to purchase a 26,000 lb Dump Truck & Combination Spreader for the Highway Department for the total consideration of \$133,562 to be financed with \$118,000 by short term notes and/or bonds as previously approved at the Annual Town Budget Meeting of May 2, 2011 and \$15,562 from unexpended funds in the Highway Department account for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- 2.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance, to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Musco Finance, LLC for the installation by Musco Sports Lighting, LLC of exterior lighting surrounding Pullan Field at Mitchell Park, 164 Old Hawleyville Road, Bethel in the principal amount of \$130,000.00 to be paid over a period of ten (10) years in annual installments of principal and interest in the amount of \$17,319.86 each to be paid by the Bethel Baseball Association, Inc. per agreement with the Town of Bethel.
- 3.) To take any and all action legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above intended results.

Dated at Bethel, CT this 13th day of August, 2012.

BETHEL BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Matthew S. Knickerbocker, First Selectman  
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman  
Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

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Robert Legnard made a motion, which was seconded by Ann Scacco, to approve the call as read. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Election of Moderator:** Eileen Earle made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to appoint Matthew S. Knickerbocker as the Moderator for tonight's Special Town Meeting. There were no other nominations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor read the first Resolution:

- 1.) **SHALL THE TOWN OF BETHEL** as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance, purchase a 26,000 lb Dump Truck & Combination Spreader for the Highway Department for the total consideration of \$133,562 to be financed with \$118,000 by short term notes and/or bonds as previously approved at the Annual Town Budget Meeting of May 2, 2011 and \$15,562 from unexpended funds in the Highway Department account for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Discussion on the motion:

Frank Islip questioned the purchase of this vehicle, i.e. is it a replacement and why are we buying it.

Robert Dibble, Highway Superintendent advised that this vehicle is sized for downtown plowing, is a better truck and replaces a 1992 vehicle.

William Slifkin advised that he is in favor of the replacement vehicle and that Peterbilt makes a good product.

Bruce Cornwall commented on the truck's horsepower.

Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor pointed out that \$118,000 of this purchase has already been approved at the May 2011 Annual Town Meeting, tonight's meeting is to approve \$15,562 from the Highway Department budget surplus of 2011-2012.

Robert Legnard made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwall, to move the question. All those in favor - Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Voting in favor of the main motion - Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor read the second Resolution:

2.) **SHALL THE TOWN OF BETHEL** as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance, enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Musco Finance, LLC for the installation by Musco Sports Lighting, LLC of exterior lighting surrounding Pullan Field at Mitchell Park, 164 Old Hawleyville Road, Bethel in the principal amount of \$130,000.00 to be paid over a period of ten (10) years in annual installments of principal and interest in the amount of \$17,319.86 each, to be paid by the Bethel Baseball Association, Inc. per agreement with the Town of Bethel.

Eileen Earle, Director of Parks & Recreation explained that Bethel Baseball Association would be paying the lease and they will hold an extra year lease payment in escrow.

William Slifkin questioned the cost of the installation; he thought it was high in comparison to the lighting project some years back and couldn't understand why we would be financing the installation portion, wondering why Bethel Baseball Association didn't pay for that cost outright.

Mrs. Earle explained that Bethel Baseball did not want to deplete their funds and they would make the lease payments.

Voting in favor of the resolution – Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's call, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Acting Clerk