



MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012
CJH MUNICIPAL CENTER – MEETING ROOM ‘A’

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton, and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance were Town Counsel Martin Lawlor and Comptroller Robert Kozlowski.

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

WARNING – NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BETHEL

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, October 16, 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 appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of \$36,340.00 for the replacement of a Bethel Middle School boiler. The source of the funds for the replacement of the boiler are from a previously approved and unexpended appropriation of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Budget Meeting for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System. The funds for the Middle School boiler replacement will be financed by short term notes and/or bonds as previously approved for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System at the Annual Town Budget Meeting of May 7, 2012.
- 2.) To consider and take action upon a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and approved by the Board of Finance, to appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of \$17,950.00 for the replacement of the tennis courts at the Bethel Educational Complex. Said sum represents an increase of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Budget Meeting previously approved appropriation of \$167,950.00 for the replacement of the tennis courts for a total replacement cost of \$185,900.00. Said sum of \$17,950.00 shall be paid from the capital non-recurring account.
- 3.) To take any and all action legally necessary or appropriate to accomplish the above intended results.

Dated at Bethel, CT this 2nd day of October 2012.

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

William Duff made a motion, which was seconded by Stuart Carlsen, to approve the call as read. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR:

Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by William Duff, to nominate Matthew S. Knickerbocker as Moderator for tonight's Special Town Meeting. There were no other nominations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel Martin 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, appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of \$36,340.00 for the replacement of a Bethel Middle School boiler with the source of the funds for the replacement coming from a previously approved and unexpended appropriation of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Budget Meeting for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System. The appropriated funds for the Middle School boiler replacement will be financed by short term notes and/or bonds as previously approved for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System at the Annual Town Budget Meeting of May 7, 2012.

Discussion:

Board of Education Chairman Lawrence Craybas, offered that the funding of the boiler replacement should not come from the Board of Education – 460 Account, clarified that the both boilers need to be operational at the Middle School; one is not sufficient to heat the building properly.

Board of Education member William Duff offered his support of the additional funds for the boiler and agreed that the 460 Account should not be used as the funding source.

Board of Education member Robin Renner offered her support of the additional funds for the boiler and agreed that the 460 Account should not be used as the funding source.

Board of Education member Stuart Carlsen offered his support of the additional funds for the boiler and agreed that the 460 Account should not be used as the funding source.

Board of Education member Scott Clayton offered his support of the additional funds for the boiler and agreed that the 460 Account should not be used as the funding source.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Town Counsel Martin 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, appropriate a sum not to exceed the amount of \$17,950.00 for the replacement of the tennis courts at the Bethel Educational Complex. Said sum represents an increase of the May 7, 2012 Annual Town Budget Meeting previously approved appropriation of \$167,950.00 for the replacement of the tennis courts for a total replacement cost of \$185,900.00. The additional sum of \$17,950.00 shall be paid from the capital non-recurring account.

Discussion:

Rachel McGrath, Recreation Supervisor, offered that it is her understanding that the courts will be resurfaced this season with temporary lines. Courts will be playable in the spring.

Scott Clayton questioned which courts were to be redone – he said Lacrosse uses the courts but it was clarified that these were the tennis courts by the baseball field which are only used for tennis and not the tennis courts by the NJROTC classroom; those courts are used for a variety of activities.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's Special Town Meeting call, Thomas O'Leary made a motion, which was seconded by William Duff, to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Acting Clerk