



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski and Selectman Cleary. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hagan.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comments: Matthew Zavatsky, Alice Hutchinson, Robert Crnic and Ann Cleary all spoke during the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

Correspondence: Packet received and distributed from United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU).

Minutes of May 19, 2009: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2009 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report – First Selectman Burke reported that the weather conditions have delayed the start of paving - Taylor Ave, Hawleyville Road, Payne Road. Benedict Road and Walnut Hill Road are some of the roads slated for paving – funds will come from the town budget, the Stony Hill Sewer Project and hopefully STEAP funds.

He also noted that approximately \$78,000 has been allotted to the Town of Bethel for energy programs as part of the Federal Stimulus Package – we are looking at boiler replacement, sidewalks, etc. to determine the best use of these funds. The application process to receive funds will begin in the fall.

Old Business

Selectman Cleary questioned the status of the Kevin Riley case; Attorney Hagan advised that it is still under review and he anticipates presenting a report to the Board of Selectmen in July.

Selectman Szatkowski questioned which boilers were being considered (Johnson and Berry Schools) and why there were failures; First Selectman Burke advised that it is being reviewed with the town engineer and consultants.

New Business

I.) Consideration of Mutual Aid and Related Agreements between the Town of Bethel, Town of Redding, Bethel Police Department and DHCA

Matthew Cassavecchia of Danbury Health Care Affiliates (DHCA) was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the agenda item of the mutual aid and related agreements. He noted that this will provide an enhancement to Bethel as there will now be a 2nd paramedic that will be shared with the Town of Redding and that the Town of Redding will be contributing funds towards the cost of the vehicle. Selectman Cleary expressed concern over potential liability issues should a paramedic not be readily available; Mr. Cassavecchia stressed that this is a Mutual Aid Agreement with Redding for a Paramedic Intercept Program and Attorney Hagan commented that by virtue of the changes included in the agreements presented, he is confident that Bethel is protected.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that:

RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Town of Bethel Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Bundled Billing Agreements with the Georgetown Volunteer Fire Company in the form presented as well as the two HIPAA Business Associate Addenda related thereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Town of Bethel Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Bundled Billing Agreements with the Redding Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Inc. in the form presented as well as the two HIPAA Business Associate Addenda related thereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Chief of the Town of Bethel Police Department is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Bundled Billing Agreements with the Redding Volunteer Fire

Company No. 2, Inc. in the form presented as well as the two HIPAA Business Associate Addenda related thereto; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Advanced Life Support Mutual Aid Agreement between the Towns of Bethel and Redding in the form presented; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to take any action and/or to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated June 15, 2009 authorizing Tax Refunds in the amount of \$6,236.26. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of mandatory 8-24 referral - – 127 Walnut Hill Road Pump Station

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, that in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes 8-24 (Mandatory Referral), to refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission the recommendation for the usage of land at 127 Walnut Hill Road for the Pump Station for Contract # 3 Stony Hill Sewer Project. Said land, owned by Deanna Pierra is to be conveyed to the Town of Bethel at the appropriate time following approval by the Town of Bethel land use agencies.

4.) Consideration of Police Chief Contract – Executive Session Anticipated

At 8:08 PM, the First Selectmen recessed the meeting to give the members of the board an opportunity to review the correspondence submitted earlier in the meeting by Officer Zavastky of the Bethel Police Department representing the Police Union (United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU)).

The meeting resumed at 8:30 PM at the call of the First Selectman.

Police Chief Jeffrey Finch was given the choice of holding the dialog regarding the Police Chief Contract in Public Session or Executive Session. He opted for Executive Session.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to go into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Town Attorney William Hagan, Police Chief Jeffrey Finch and Wendy Smith as Office Administrator had been invited into the Executive Session. Wendy Smith left the Executive Session and remaining Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:45 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen came out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to authorize and direct the First Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Chief of Police for a six-month term ending December 31, 2009 with compensation at the same levels as in the existing contract and other terms as discussed at the meeting and outlined in the Addendum to Employment Contract. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:47 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary