

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:00 p.m.

June 28, 2016

PRESENT: Robert Dubois, Chairman  
Daniel Keefe  
Paul Haughey  
Margo Bik, Vice Chairman  
Michael Catalano

OTHERS PRESENTS: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator  
Julie Hebert, Town Accountant  
Patrick Costello, Esq., Town Counsel  
Stephen C. Pfaff, Esq.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dubois at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted above.

3. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:

- Personnel – Overtime/Vacations/Dress Code:
- Overtime will not be paid unless prior authorization has been obtained. This does not include Police or Fire personnel.
- Vacation: Mr. Keyes and Ms. Hebert have received permission to carry over a minimal amount of vacation due to the nature of their responsibilities.
- Dress Code: T-shirts, flip-flops, etc., are not allowed in the Municipal Building during business hours. Because of the rules of OSHA, protective equipment must be worn at all times while on duty in areas that require it.
- Review STM/ATM Results/Discussions: See attached “Results”.

4. RELEASE OF CERTIFICATE NOT TO ENCUMBER – Matthew S. and Beatrice D. Widor:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the above matter. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Costello seconded by Mr. Haughey. There was no discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 7:30 p.m.

April 26, 2016

PRESENT: Robert Dubois, Chairman  
Michael Catalano  
Paul Haughey

Margo Bik, Vice Chairman  
Daniel Keefe

OTHERS PRESENT: Daniel Keyes, Town Administrator  
Julie Hebert, Town Accountant

Patrick Costello, Esq., Town Counsel  
Stephen C. Pfaff, Esq.

1: CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dubois at 7:30 p.m. All members of the Board of Selectmen stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2: ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE:

As noted under the heading “Present”.

3: ACCEPT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF May 17, 2016:

A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to accept the minutes as noted above. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Haughey abstaining.

4. GOOD AND WELFARE – PUBLIC (7:30-8:00 P.M. (5 min. time limit per participant):

Daniel Doyle provided a little known story about the people in the Millerville section of town wanting to be separate from the Town of Blackstone and to be called Lafayette. The real purpose of his visit was to ask that consideration be given to posting his video on the history of Blackstone from 1845. Mr. Keyes will make sure the video is on cable for all to see. He also gave an informative lecture on the Boys and Girls Club at the old Tupperware Park. There are 600 children participating in this summer camp program.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Planning Board voted to put an alternate member on the Capital Outlay Committee. This was reviewed by Town Counsel for clarification and found that a member of the Planning Board would not qualify to that position because of the wording of the Charter. The person would have to be an elected member.

Regarding 26 Miller Street, both property owners are deceased and the will has never been probated. The dwelling was found to be in significant disrepair by both Mr. Vader and Mr. Walsh and would need to be taken down. There are trees growing up through the house, the windows are broken, children have been playing in there and the garage is ready to fall down. The building has become a public safety hazard. Mr. Costello will begin the appropriate notifications.

6. HEARINGS AND MEETINGS:

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- Review STM/ATM Results/Discussions: See attached “Results”.  
The Town Accountant gave a report on FY 16’s end of year transactions which totaled \$101,917.20. Please refer to the detailed account attached to this report. This information will also be forwarded to the Finance Committee. A

motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the transfers. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Soldier On: Mr. Keyes will be meeting with Mr. Darling in July and a full report is expected to be presented in August.
- Solar Contract: We are in the queue for the SRAC. Final design has been submitted to National Grid and they will report back by July 12<sup>th</sup>. The permitting process can then be pursued.
- DOT Capital Investment Plan: Thanked Mr. Dubois and Mr. Keefe for their help in getting Blackstone into the Five Year Capital Plan. The bridge on Federal Street will be replaced. New sidewalks and repaving of Main Street will make the town attractive to businesses. There are many people who worked on this project and should be recognized.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- Audit Contract, Roof Replacement Contract, Cable Access Contract, and IT Services Contract:  
Auditing: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Haughey, to approve the auditing contract to Roselli, Clark and Associates for the next three fiscal years. Their bid was for \$23,500 for FY 16, 17 and 18. It is about \$6,500 less than we previously paid. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Haughey thanked the auditing firm of Melanson and Health for their excellent auditing work in the past.

Roof Replacement Contract: This contract is still under review. Information will be ready by the end of July.

Cable Access Contract: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Catalano to award the cable access contract to Jacob Video and Sound for \$33,880 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. There was no discussion and the vote was 4-0 with Mr. Haughey abstaining.

IT Service Contract: A motion was made by Mrs. Bik, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to award the contract to World Ban for the next 3 years for \$30,960 annually and these are bundled services. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Website/Webpage: We are updating the website and webpage over the next month. Departments, Boards and Commissions are asked to let Mr. Keyes know, in writing, their preferences.
- Approval of Home Occupation license application from Quinton Washington, Sky Captain Productions, 92 Main Street to make sales within the recording industry: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above license. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Earth Removal License – Kimball Sand Co., Inc., Onyx Building Corporation & Wayne Realty Trust: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above earth removal license. Mr. Vader stated they are in compliance. There was no further discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Appointment of Shawn M. Brodeur, Title of Office – Sergeant, for an unexpired 1-year term to expire June 30, 2017: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to appoint Shawn M. Brodeur to the position of Sergeant as noted above. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Appointment of Kevin C. Luis, Title of Office – Sergeant, for an unexpired 1-year term to expire June 30, 2017:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe, to appoint Kevin C. Luis to the position of Sergeant as noted above. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

- Appointment of Mathew S. Mantoni, Title of Office – Sergeant for an unexpired 1-year term to expire June 30, 2017: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to appoint Matthew S. Mantoni to the position of Sergeant as noted above. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen Appointments: Mr. Dubois read the list of appointments approved by the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen. A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to support these appointments. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous. For a detailed description of the appointments, please see the attached list.
- Approval of Payroll Warrant #16EWA26 and #16PW26, #16EWA27 and #16PW27, and #16EWA28 and #16PW28: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Catalano, to approve the above payroll warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.
- Approval of Vendor Warrant #16EW26, #16EW27, and #16EW28: A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mrs. Bik, to approve the above vendor warrant. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

#### 9. GOOD AND WELFARE – SELECTMEN:

Mr. Haughey – Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during his recent illness. He especially wanted to thank emergency services and police for all that they do and supports proper staffing for these departments. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Mr. Catalano – Welcomed Mr. Haughey back to the Board from his illness. He also wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mr. Keefe – It is good to see Mr. Haughey and Mr. Dubois back on the Board.

Mrs. Bik - Welcomed both Mr. Dubois and Mr. Haughey back to the Board. She also wished Rachel Campopiano the best in her retirement. She also wanted people to look for the summer programs at the Library and to read “A River Runs Through It” for activities in the Senior Center.

Mr. Dubois - Discussed various tax rates in surrounding towns. The Department of Revenue has not set the tax rate for Blackstone as yet. Mr. Dubois welcomed Mr. Haughey back to the Board from his illness. He also wished Rachel the best in her retirement. Mr. Dubois stated he had recent cardiac surgery and is recovering well. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday. He requested salary comparisons from surrounding towns for the September meeting.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Haughey, seconded by Mr. Keefe to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Boucher  
Recording Secretary

T-06-29-16

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk

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