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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
2/09/09
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani, Clerk; Evan O'Reilly

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. Vincent stated there is a warrant to be signed.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *Executive Session Minutes of January 5 & 26, 2009* and the *Regular Session Minutes of January 26, 2009*. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Police Department

Police Chief Mulligan read a letter of recognition to Police Officer Scott Hatch.

Sergeant Cudmore Promotion to Lieutenant

Police Chief Mulligan thanked the police officers and fire department members who were present and gave background information on Sgt. Cudmore. Sgt. Cudmore introduced his family and had one daughter remove his Sgt pin and one pin on his Lieutenant pin.

Public Hearing

Jimmy K's Restaurant Wine & Malt License

Ida Katsoulis and employee Julie were present

Mr. Delaney explained that this is a request for a Wine & Malt Liquor License. Mr. Trapani & Mr. Vincent hoped this would help their business. Mr. O'Reilly asked that they be aware of the rules of serving alcohol.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve a *Wine & Malt License to Ida Katsoulis, doing business as "Jimmy K's Restaurant", 42 Central Street, Georgetown, with the hours of service to be consistent with their hours of operation, except not before noon on Sundays*. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Unibank/General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Margaret McClain from Unibank

Ms. McClain explained the process to sell bonds. She stated that they received a great rate. She explained the process and that they used Fidelity. Mr. Vincent stated that the Town received a Bond rating of A-1 which is very good.

Mr. O'Reilly moved that the sale of the \$2,070,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Town dated February 15, 2009 (the "Bonds"), to Fidelity Capital Markets Services at the price of \$2,071,578.30 an accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Unsung Hero Award

Sandy Gerraughty & Beverly Enos were present

Ms. Gerraughty explained the qualifications for the award and that volunteers need to be recognized. She stated the award would be given out at the Annual Town Meeting. She asked for this application to be on web. She read the requirements and qualifications.

Mr. Vincent asked about a timeline. Ms. Gerraughty stated that the deadline would be March 31, next two weeks for each section. The Board stated that they were onboard.

Mr. Trapani asked Ms. Enos if she was available for a State of Town on April 6, 2009 at 6:00PM. He stated that he would send a document out for departments.

Highway Department Budget

Mr. Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor was present

Mr. Durkee discussed his capitol needs, garage roof, wheel loader, pick up truck for department, design for West Main St is in 25% design stage (\$300,000 would get to construction stage). He stated that if the Town receives funds from the stimulus for the Bailey Lane Bridge then the \$200,000 could be used for West Main Street. He stated he has concerns on the culvert by Rock Pond/West Main St. Mr. Trapani asked the Town's risk with this culvert. Mark Unger stated about four years ago there was an upgrade that was done with crushed stone. Mr. Durkee went over his budget numbers. He stated that he added in an increase for Union Cemetery Maintenance and Union wages. Mr. Durkee stated that he has talked with Carol Jacobs about combining some grounds work. He stated that they would have to add an employee. Mr. Trapani asked what would be needed to put this together. He asked Mr. Durkee to put a proposal together. Discussion on Tenney Street sidewalk to True lane.

He listed projects ready to go under stimulus package, Pennbrook culvert design done, Tenney St./East Main St. intersection, Bailey Lane Bridge, 10 miles of sidewalk.

He stated lowest estimate for Bailey Lane Bridge was \$486,000. He stated that he wants to get this done this summer.

Mr. Vincent stated that at a previous meeting he mentioned using Bailey Lane Bridge funds for repairs at Highway Department, etc. He stated to do this they would have to go to Town Meeting and that he opened a can of worms by mentioning this. Mr. Durkee stated that he has heard about this proposal. Mr. Vincent explained his reasoning for bringing up this proposal.

Perry & Rosemary Marathas, 15 Taylor Street stated that the street has been closed for four years. He stated that the BoS took a vote with residents to have bridge repaired. He expressed his concerns of not opening the bridge and the length of time this is taking.

Mark Unger, 25 Bailey Lane explained that the funds are there. He stated that residents voted for this and for them to use the funds else where would not be right. Mr. Unger asked if a culvert could be done for \$100,000 as was on North Street. Mr. Durkee stated that he is talking with an Engineer about a culvert and has to talk with the ConCom.

Discussion on a culvert vs. a bridge. Mr. O'Reilly asked to let Mr. Durkee to look at options. Mr. Vincent stated that if the bridge can not be fixed for the \$200,000 then the funds should be used someplace else. Mr. Durkee stated Mr. Moultrie asked for \$200,000 at Town meeting and was going to use the rest from State Aid, which would use all the funds. Mr. Trapani asked for an answer from Mr. Durkee within the next couple of weeks.

Selectmen's Report

Economic Development

Mr. Trapani stated that on February 23rd the Economic Development Committee would like to come in to the meeting and discuss some options for the Town. He stated that they have a press release going out. He stated that the Planning Board has asked the Selectmen to come to their meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 for an informational meeting.

Media Advisory Committee

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he has talked with Police Chief Mulligan, Fire Chief Beardsley, and Superintendent Carol Jacobs and they would recommend a volunteer for the committee. He stated that Tom Simmons has volunteered and he would be a nonvoting member.

Town Administrator's Report

FY09 Local Aid cuts

Mr. Delaney gave an update on the FY09 local aid cuts. He stated that the Town is okay for this year. He stated that in FY10 they will have a 29% cut and this is a bigger issue. He stated that he will have better numbers in the next week and he needs guidance from the board on how they want to divide the cuts. Discussion on funds we have and will have this fall.

Liquor License Guidelines

Mr. Delaney stated that these are guidelines from Danvers that we have modified for Georgetown. Mr. Trapani asked for the guidelines to go to town counsel.

Regular Session ended at 8:45PM.

Mr. Vincent moved to go into Executive Session for a Real Estate discussion and to return to open session only for adjournment. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Mr. Trapani moved to adjourn Executive Session. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Mr. Trapani moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved February 23, 2009.