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Board of Selectmen

Town of Apton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2009

Location: Town Hall 1 Main Street

Present: Chairman Robert J. Fleming, Selectman Kenneth E. Picard, Selectman Michael E. Goodwin and Administrative Clerk Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

At 7:01pm Chairman Fleming gavelled to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. Chapter 39, S.23B exception 2 and will reconvene their regular meeting upon completion of this Executive Session. .

Poll taken: Robert Fleming "I". Ken Picard "I", Michael Goodwin "I".

At 7:12pm the Board reconvened their regular meeting.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant No. 36e in the amount of \$81,771.69 was approved.
Payroll Treasury Warrant No. 36P in the amount of \$67,261.77 was approved.

Motion # 1: Selectman Goodwin motioned to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 4, 2009 and to close the Warrant April 3, 2009. Seconded by Selectman Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.

The Selectmen will be meeting with the Finance Committee tomorrow, March 4th at 8pm. Highway Supervisor John Johnson and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Ron Sansouci will be present to go over the snow removal budget and the increased chemical cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In regards to the Classification and Compensation study, Chairman Fleming said the Personnel Board is in the process of reviewing employee salaries and changing employee grading. It is Selectman Picard's opinion that a zero raise across the board and to renegotiate with the Unions is the way to go. Chairman Fleming said the salary compensation for full time (non-Union) staff based on a 2.5% raise, equates to \$21,000.00.

Prior year appropriations summary (effective February 26th) was reviewed by the Board in preparation of meeting with the Finance Committee. Regarding the line item balances of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Evaluation for FY06 and the Inflow infiltration program for FY07, the Board will talk to Superintendent Sansouci at the meeting tomorrow.

45 Discussion of raising the water and sewer rates will be reviewed next week.
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47 Last week Chairman Fleming met with David White of Whitinsville Water and Don Tata,
48 Tata & Howard and had a conversation about the possibility of Whitinsville water providing
49 services to the Town. Mr. White spoke of a process in which they will design, build and own the
50 water treatment and pumping facility. The Town will contract with Milford Water to sell them
51 water. Under this contract, they would agree to purchase a minimum amount of water that would
52 be equal to the Towns cost of operating the water Treatment and pumping Facility. Don Tata will
53 investigate this possibility at no cost to the Town. If this project comes to fruition, Don will be
54 reporting to Whitinsville Water and the DEP.
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56 A discussion took place relative to placing two Ballot question for the ATM.
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58 Motion # 2: Selectman Picard motioned to place two Ballot questions for the Annual Town
59 Meeting. 1: Main Street Water Main project and 2: Upgrading the Station Street Wastewater
60 Pump Station. Seconded by Selectman Goodwin, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.
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62 Selectman Goodwin spoke of the MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with the Worcester
63 County Sheriff's Office for participation in the Worcester Regional Alerting System (reverse
64 911). The Board agreed this would be a benefit to the Town.
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66 Motion # 3: Selectman Goodwin motioned to enter into an agreement with the Worcester
67 County Sherriff's Office for participation in the reverse 911 system. Seconded by Selectman
68 Picard, unanimous by Chairman Fleming.
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70 The Board spoke of upgrades to the Cemetery also Selectman Goodwin is compiling
71 information on the possible expansion of the sewer system. More discussion on these two
72 projects will take place at a later date.
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74 Motion # 4: Chairman Fleming motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm. Seconded by
75 Selectman Picard unanimous by Selectman Goodwin.
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77 Respectfully submitted,
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79 Karen L. Varney, Administrative Clerk
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