

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2016**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi, Chairman, Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc W. Richard; Clerk

ABSENT: Mr. James A. Gagner; Vice-Chairman

ATTENDEES: See Attached

Mr. Nardi called to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nardi requested that if anyone in the audience is either video/audio recording this evening's meeting to please disclose to the Chair. Ms. Colleen Montague acknowledged her audio taping the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gagner stated that with the recent passage of legalizing recreational marijuana, perhaps the town should look into some type of by-law that addresses retail sales. This will be on an upcoming agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Nardi discussed the Streetlight Project. Discussion had taken place regarding the storage of the bulbs. The Wrights Mill Complex was offered at no charge by the owners, however an insurance issue has eliminated that as a possibility. The lights will have to be stored in the gym as originally planned and they are anticipated to be delivered on 12/27/16.

Upcoming meetings: December 29th at 12 noon (Executive Session) and 1 PM for the Public Records Training.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of November 22, 2016 and November 29, 2016 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of December 6, 2016 as written made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Richard due to absence)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the Monthly Report of the Emergency Management and Cert for month ending November 2016. - **Noted**

2. The office received notice from Chief Spiewakowski that on December 7th the Police Department initiated a large- scale ALICE/lock down drill. Police from Warren, W. Brookfield, Sturbridge, Palmer, State Police, Warren EMS and Firefighters, CERT and Officer Murray participated in the drill. After the drill, all first responders attended a debriefing to report their observations on the drill for the Safety Committee to improve School Safety. – **Noted. Chief Spiewakowski who was in attendance this evening praised all of the officers/first responders and students who participated.**

3. The office is in receipt of a letter from the Board of Health summarizing to date the status of the Reed Street Water issue. The BOH does not have regulatory authority over the public water districts nor over the securing of funds or engineering for such a project. They strongly encourage the BOS to take action to bring a permanent solution to provide potable water to the resident. A letter from the West Warren Water District was also received with a status of where they are now and their efforts to date. – **Noted. Mr. Gagner stated that he attended the joint meeting that was recently held on December 15th and was disappointed in the Board of Health. The Board of Selectmen along with the Planning Board have permitted the Town Planner to work on any available grants. Mr. Nardi went further to state that the line would most likely be run to only the houses affected thru a betterment. Typically, he (Mr. Nardi) is not in favor of putting municipal money into private business, however feels this is an exception.**

4. The office received a request from the Friends of the Town Hall seeking direction/protocol on how to proceed with repairs regarding proper approvals, plans, funding, etc. – **Noted. They were advised to speak to the Building Inspector first prior to anything being done. A meeting will be set in the near future to discuss further.**

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint the following individuals in order of seniority as requested by Chief Spiewakowski to the position of Part-Time Police Officers: Frank Jolin, Matthew Hipple, Christopher Economos and Alexander Sinni made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

MANDATORY RETIREMENT

In response to the Town Meeting Vote in May which would allow Firefighter Dennis Desrosiers to remain on the roster until the age of 70, the House 3rd Reading Committee is requesting language be included by amending the motion as follows:

“No further deductions shall be made from the regular compensation of Dennis Desrosiers pursuant to Chapter 32 of the General laws for any service subsequent to his reaching 65 years of age, and upon retirement Dennis Desrosiers shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retire at the age of 65” made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

2017 LICENSES (COMMON VICTUALLER, ENTERTAINMENT, SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT, CLASS I, II, III)

Motion to renew the following 2017 Licenses made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOOD SERVICING & ENTERTAINMENT

1. B & P Liquors, Inc.
2. J & K Enterprises, LLC
3. Quaboag Aerie #4133, FOE, Inc.
4. St. Stanislaus Society of West Warren, Inc.
5. HTT, LLC, d/b/a Countryside Pub

MOTOR VEHICLE – CLASS I, II & III

1. Edward H. Spencer, Inc.
2. Como’s, Inc.
3. Donald G. Mayo d/b/a Service Auto Body
4. Annette & Robert E. Beaudry d/b/a Warren Garage
5. Mike’s Automotive
10. JJC Material, Inc.

FOOD SERVICING ESTABLISHMENTS

1. Gi-Gi’s Pizza
2. Dippin Donuts
3. Dunkin Donuts
4. Alltown Market
5. Masons Grille
- 6 B & P Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Warren Package Store
6. Warren Truck & Auto Repair
7. Fijol’s Junk Yard, John Fijol
8. Copart of Connecticut, Inc.
9. Lois M. Fijol, d/b/a Fijol’s Garage

SPRING STREET – MASSWORKS GRANT – CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The Spring Street culvert project was recently completed which went over budget. All funds for this project were through the MassWorks Grant. Scott Medeiros from Woodard and Curran requested additional funding in light of the overages. Erica Kreuter, Administrator for the grant was looking to see if there were any additional funds available to provide to them and is willing to consider the request. However, she would need approval from the Board of Selectmen. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the additional funding from the MassWorks Grant for work associated with the Spring Street Culvert Project upon MassWorks Approval and with no funds from the town made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 49 & 50 dated December 12, 2016 in the amounts of \$49,526.29 & \$86,870.51 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant Number 51 & 52 dated December 19, 2016 in the amounts of \$44,640.93 & \$198,404.63 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign the invoice for FY14 for PVPC in the amount of \$22,734.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Richard advised all that the Landfill will be closing at 1PM on December 24th and December 31st for the holiday.

He has also requested that the downtown business owners use a concrete “friendly” rock salt for the new sidewalks.

Mr. Nardi reminded all that effective January 1st, the new Public Records Law comes into effect. The town’s website is in the process of gathering information. Ideally, we’d like to have as much information as possible on the website for residents. According to KP-Law, our counsel, the Town of Warren is their highest municipality with regard to Public Records Requests. For this fiscal year alone, we have spent \$7,100.00 on PRR.

Signage is anticipated to go in downtown on Friday, December 23, 2016. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Nardi wished all residents a Very Merry Christmas.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner, second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Date Approved