

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2017**

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

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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Mr. Nardi called to order at 3:00 PM and dispensed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MASSDOT DOWNTOWN REDESIGN PROJECT NO. 605559**

Representatives from MassDOT, Ludlow Construction and the Sewer Commissioners met with the Board of Selectmen this afternoon to discuss the matter of an outstanding invoice incurred due to a sewer backup at 958 Main Street.

On October 17, 2016, Ludlow Construction received a call that there was a sewer backup at 958 Main Street. Ludlow Construction contacted Fletcher Sewer and Drain to investigate the source of the backup, which was in the roadway. A new sewer main was installed on Main Street as part of the project. The contractor, (Ludlow Construction) tied into the line that the Sewer Department had marked out. By the Sewer Department's own admission, they are working off of plans that date back to 1965. Nevertheless, an outstanding balance remains for work that was done.

The Commissioners remain steadfast that it is not their responsibility to cover the bill, however Selectmen Richard disagreed as well as Selectmen Gagner. They feel that the Sewer Commission should pay the cost. Again, there was no malicious intent on anybody. Mr. Beaudry feels that they (Ludlow Construction) should have verified the line. Mr. Pio stated that he must rely on the town to do their due diligence.

Mr. Pio is willing to take a look at the bill to try to shave off some of the cost. Once we receive the amended bill, the office will discuss the matter again.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

**1 DAY POURING LICENSE**

Motion to approve and sign a 1-Day Pouring License for the West Warren Public Library for their Trivia Night on February 11, 2017 at the Warren Senior Center made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**FY18 BUDGET SEASON**

Mr. Nardi announced that the deadline for Article submissions is March 30, 2017 at 11 AM. There will be no exceptions. The Finance Committee’s deadline for budgets is March 1, 2017. Mr. Nardi stated that there could be another reassessment for the school. Mr. Nardi briefly touched on several items that will be for discussion.

- Senior Center Kitchen remodel
- Police Department (2 prior fiscal year’s bill)
- Records Access Officer salary line
- Add line in legal for potential lawsuits

\*Due to a prior commitment, Mr. Richard left at this time.

**TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 63 & 64 dated January 30, 2017 in the amounts of \$38,328.62 and \$42,179.74 respectively made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mrs. Soltys stated that she witnessed a lady fall in front of the Town Hall on the Milton O. Fountain Way side.

Ms. Bannville asked if there was any clarification as to the 2015 Interceptor being taken out of town by the Chief of Police. She stated that the voters approved the expenditure for “patrol purposes”.

Mr. Nardi advised her that he is obtaining the audio portion from the Town Meeting to verify.

Ms. Bannville also stated that she doesn’t understand why the Chief would say that he has 2 cruisers that were no good, however one of them is now the K9 unit and the other still has plates on it. Mr. Nardi will wait to comment until he reviews the tape.

Next Regular Meeting Date: February 7, 2017 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc W. Richard, Clerk