

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

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 provided an update on the service dog that was lost after a roll-over motor vehicle accident. Members of the Fire Department have shown an exhaustive effort in the hopes of recapturing the dog. If anyone sees the dog, they are requested to contact police dispatch at 413-436-9595.

Mr. Gagner also advised that he along with the Chief of Police had a meeting with representatives from Heal, Inc. regarding a security plan for their proposed Medical Marijuana Facility. The plan has been well thought out for security. Heal, Inc. is slated to go before the Planning Board for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval in early February.

Mr. Nardi advised all that with the delivery of the streetlights, he has contacted the state. There appears to be another round of grant monies available to go towards installation. The town has had difficulty in securing an installer. The latest quotes will be due on January 19th.

Mr. Nardi recently had a meeting to discuss the Regional Animal Services. All four towns (Ware, Palmer, Monson and Warren) are fully committed to move forward in building a new facility. He anticipates to submit an application for the Community Compact Agreement with the state by February 2, 2017. By doing this, the project would be looked upon favorably.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of January 3, 2017 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly report of the Fire Chief for December 2016-**Noted**
2. The office received the monthly report of CERT/Emergency Management for December 2016.-**Noted**

3. The office received notice from Chris Dunphy that monies are available for housing rehab assistance. For further information, residents are encouraged to contact Pioneer Valley Planning Commission at 413-781-6045.- **Noted**

4. The office received a memo from the Finance Committee outlining the FY18 Budget Season. - **Noted**

TREASURY WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 57 & 58 dated January 9, 2017 in the amounts of \$43,079.37 and \$219,647.57 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Gagner – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign the final invoice for Lenard Engineering for the Highland Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$3,870.96

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Acerra advised the Board that the Attorney General’s Office approved the zoning amendment that the voters passed in October relative to WCF. Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC is scheduled to be before the Planning Board on January 23, 2017.

7:15 PM – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TRANSFER OF THE RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE- WARREN CASH MARKET, LLC, PURSUANT TO MGL C. 138, Section 12a.

Ms. Jenny Hobby purchased the Warren Cash Market, LLC in November of 2016. She has requested a transfer of the Retail Liquor License from Denise Cieslak who currently holds the license. The hours of operations will stay the same for the time being. Ms. Hobby is hoping to expand on some of the merchandise that she currently sells. There were no questions from the audience and all abutters were notified properly. Mr. Richard was great full to see that the business didn’t close and the entire Board wished her continued success. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to Close the Public Hearing on the application of the transfer of the retail liquor license from Denise Cieslak to Jenny Hobby made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:17PM.

Motion to approve the transfer of the retail liquor license from Denise Cieslak, Warren Cash Market, LLC to Jenny L Hobby made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard -unanimous.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Ms. Ann Bannville questioned as to why the Chief of Police is bringing the SUV home. She stated that the voters approved the purchase of the vehicle to be used for “patrol purposes”. Chief Spiewakowski did state in an email to the office that the Ford 500 would now be used as the “unmarked” Detectives car and he would be utilizing the 2015 Interceptor. The office will get a copy of both the Warrant and certified Motions/Vote to verify wording.

Mr. Mongeon, Chairman of the Finance Committee provided the Board with an update on budgets that are currently either at or above where they should be half way through the fiscal year. Mr. Nardi is anticipating attending their February 2nd meeting.

Mr. Nardi acknowledged Mr. Corriveau, however he would not discuss the Town Hall again. Mr. Corriveau requested his three minutes under Comments & Concerns. Mr. Nardi allowed him to address the Board.

Mr. Corriveau provided a visual of the figures of the monies allocated and/or spent on the Town Hall. He maintains his position that the figures he was provided with are “bogus”. Mr. Corriveau left without incident.

Mr. Richard wanted to let all know that Mason’s Grille will now be serving Fish & Chips on Friday, beginning January 13th

Next Meeting Date: January 17, 2017 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Gagner; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk