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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Not present: Steven P. Rose (vacation)

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with a quorum being present. Mr. Rose was not in attendance this evening.

Town Treasurer/Collector Jean Kopke led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Hegarty called for a moment of silence in memory of Lou Balboni. Mr. Balboni served on the Finance Committee for many years.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 9, 2014 (Regular Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 9, 2014 (Executive Session) as written. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Saturday, January 11, 2014 (Budget Workshop) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TOWN TREASURER/COLLECTOR REGARDING SCHOOL ROOF REPAIR PROJECT

Treasurer/Collector Jean Kopke appeared before the Board asking the Board how to proceed to repay the remaining Bond Anticipation Note taken out for the Butler School Roofing Project. Ms. Kopke informed that Board that the Town still owes \$236,013. The project was authorized at \$950,000. Ms. Kopke stated right now we are only paying interest. Would the Board vote to

authorize funding a portion at Town Meeting or would the Board consider going to a Special Town Meeting in late February/March?

Chairman Hegarty responded that the Town should consider paying the remaining balance off and the Board should vote to authorize funding to get the balance off the books. Chairman Hegarty stated the Board would work on setting a date for a Special Town Meeting. It was agreed that Ms. Kopke would write the article for the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Ms. Kopke thanked the Board for their time and departed.

AWARD OF REGIONAL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM SEPTIC DESIGN SERVICE CONTRACT

Chairman Hegarty stated the Board needs to award a septic design service contract. This item was continued from a previous meeting.

After some discussion, Mr. Brady made a motion to award the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program septic design service contract in accordance with the recommendation of Community Opportunities Group to Collins Civil Engineering of West Bridgewater with a not-to-exceed cap of \$24,900. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

RATIFY DEP CONSENT ORDER

At the previous meeting in Executive Session, a DEP Administrative Consent Order was presented between the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Town of Avon Water Department. The Consent Order arrived at is advantageous to the Town. Chairman Hegarty is asking for a vote to ratify the DEP Administrative Consent Order.

Mr. Brady made a motion to ratify the Administrative Consent Order between the Department of Environmental Affairs and the Town of Avon; the Town shall pay to the Commonwealth a penalty sum of \$48,800; The Town will pay \$2000.00 in fines to the Commonwealth; Mass DEP agrees to suspend payment for the sum of \$46,800 and that would be waived if the Town complies with the requirements of the Consent Order. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RATIFY AFSCME CONTRACT

Chairman Hegarty reported that in December of 2013 AFSCME Union members ratified the offer agreement.

Mr. Brady made a motion to reject the AFSCME Union contract and re-enter negotiations. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Brady mentioned setting up another AFSCME meeting.

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by the Chair, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

A \$100.00 donation was made by Cathleen and Shirley Frazier to the Council on Aging; funds to be used for senior center programming.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the \$100.00 donation to the Council on Aging to be used for senior center programming. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty announced February 2014 meetings as follows:

Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hegarty announced an evening Flu Clinic will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2013 at Town Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Health Agent Tara Tradd with any questions. The clinic is free.

On Saturday, February 8th Bulk Pick Up is scheduled. Please be sure to have items curbside by 7:00 a.m.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McCue received an updated list of double pole summary status in Avon. Mr. McCue reported that he has reached out to Stanley Usovich of Verizon inviting him to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. So far he has not received any response from Comcast.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that he will be attending an electric car seminar in Lakeville on Thursday, January 23rd. He will report back to the Board with information from the seminar.

Mr. McCue reported he is renewing the gas contract with Constellation Energy. He has locked in a good price.

Mr. McCue announced a pre-construction/destruction meeting will be held next week regarding the Crowley School demolition.

Mr. McCue announced that the Town of Avon will receive a check for \$166.00 from Covanta for hazardous waste recycling. The \$166.00 is based on the amount of materials collected in the Town of Avon. Mr. McCue compared the \$166.00 amount to other towns, many of which are larger. He would like to commend the citizens of Avon for their commitment to recycling.

Chairman Hegarty asked Mr. McCue to do a walk-through at the Crowley School to make sure that anything salvageable is taken out of the building. Mr. McCue assured Chairman Hegarty that this would happen.

At 8:00 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Brady made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Miriam Rothstein
Secretary