

MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Tuesday, March 17, 2009 @ 7:30PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, John Conroy, John Putorti and Paul Roy.

Not present: Town Counsel George Temple, Frank Conroy, Roberta King, and Annmarie Drugonis.

Others present: Frank Loda and Howard Simpson.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:34PM.

- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Selectmen meeting on 3/3/09.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 3-Yes (John Conroy, John Putorti, Paul Roy)

0-No 1-Abstain

(Robert J. Koskelowski) 0-Disqualify

First Selectman's Report:

- The First Selectman visited the former R&R Manufacturing at Silvermine Industrial Park, which is now called RAF Electronics. They have 9 companies throughout the country and 3 companies at the Seymour location, which employs 150 people. The First Selectman shows the Board members several washers and parts that the company manufactures in Seymour.
- At the VCOG meeting this past week a representative from the company Bagela, Doug Novak who is also here tonight, discussed a hot asphalt machine that they sell. The machine costs approximately \$176,000. The State has created a regionalization incentive grant program that the four valley Town/Cities may be able to apply for to share this machine. State Representative Jason Perillo also stated that the money for the roads may be put back into the State budget. This machine will cut costs significantly for asphalting as well as recycle old millings. Board members would like to know details on how much cold patch the Town of Seymour purchases every year and state that they will only support this purchase if the regionalization grant is implemented with the other valley cities.
- The Board of Finance is going through budget deliberations at this time and the Budget Hearing will probably be set for April 8, 2009. The First Selectman proposed 2 budgets to the Board of Finance, one with a 0% increase and one with a 0.25% increase. The Town side of the budget has been proposed at well over \$550,000 less than last year.
- There are three stimulus packages that the Town is working on right now. One is for the Board of Education, which they went to Hartford today to find out the amount that Seymour will be receiving. This is to be used for supplies, books, computers, etc. and may not be used to hire more teachers.

- The next stimulus package is for roads and the Town should know within the next 30 days how much the Town and the other valley municipalities will be receiving. This money can only be used to resurface roads.
- The next stimulus package is for the Police Department from the Department of Justice. This will be given to 64 municipalities in Connecticut, which includes the Town of Seymour. This money can only be used to replace retiring Police Officers and not to add positions. These funds may be used for a three year period. Paul Roy also discusses another police grant for \$39,784.00, in which the First Selectman states that the Town has already applied for.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

ITEM # 1 - Quotes for Town and Public Works surplus equipment. (Take Action) One quote was received in the First Selectman's Office on 3/17/09 @ 9:28AM from Ken Michaels, 75 River Road, Shelton, CT 06484. He has submitted a quote for the 1988 GMC pickup truck and plow in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion to forward this quote to the Public Works Foreman to determine if the \$100.00 quote for the 1988 GMC Pickup with plow is acceptable.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to place on the table to go out for more quotes for the Town and Public Works surplus equipment.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to contact the Public Works Director and Foreman to go out for quotes again and contact companies for the Town and Public Works surplus equipment and have quotes come into the First Selectman's Office by 4:00PM on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Motion: John Conrov

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 2 - Accept property at 50 North Mead Farm Road as Open Space.

The Board members would like to visit this site before it is accepted. Motion to table until the next meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 so the Board members could inspect this property.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Discussion concerning machine for hot asphalt.

Discussion was had during First Selectman's Report.

Motion to place on the table Town Parks.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

The Board members are given a list of all activities and sporting events that are scheduled for this coming spring, in which all of these fields are taken care of by the Public Works Department. There are only three Public Works employees assigned to take care of the parks and fields in the Town of Seymour.

The Town of Seymour purchases our clay for the fields from New Jersey due to the higher quality product. For the company to deliver 3 truckloads to Seymour, the cost is \$750.00 per load. The First Selectman would like to know if the Board has any objections to having 3 Public Works vehicles go pick up the clay. They would not be receiving overtime because this is an approximate 5 hour round trip. The only expense would be the gas in our vehicles, which will not come close to \$750.00 per vehicle. There are no objections from the Board members.

Motion to place on the table request from Citizens Engine Co. # 2 concerning the 125th Anniversary.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

The First Selectman received a letter from the Fire Chief Scott Andrews concerning the 125th anniversary of the Citizens Engine Co. #2 and the carnival that the Fire Department is having from June 25 – 28, 2009 at Chatfield Park. They would like to request that the Board of Selectmen give them permission to sell beer at this event. They have applied for a temporary liquor license and have arranged to have police presence, as well as a fenced in area for the beer.

John Conroy: States that the wrist band system might be a good idea and would like their plan brought to the Board when it is finalized.

Motion to approve the request from Citizens Engine Co., No. 2 to sell beer at the 125th anniversary carnival being held from June 25 to June 28, 2009 at Chatfield Park, per Town Ordinance Sec. 11-20.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Appoint Assistant Animal Control Officer.

Motion to appoint Deborah Ice as the Assistant Animal Control Officer for a one-year term expiring 12/31/09, per recommendation from the current Animal Control Officer.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Appointments.

Motion to appoint Theodore Holly as an alternate member of ZBA for a 4-year term expiring 3/17/13.

Motion: John Conrov

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Ron Skurat to the Valley Transit District for a 2-Year term expiring 3/17/11.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to appoint Al Yagovane to the Valley Transit District for a 2-Year term expiring 3/17/11.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to re-appoint Rosalie Averill to the Naugatuck Valley Health District for a 3-Year term expiring 1/17/12.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 - Tax Refunds/Abatements.

Motion to approve tax refund in the amount of \$10.64.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #7 - Transfers.

#7a: Motion to transfer \$32,489.49 for the Public Works Department from Contingency acct # 1-001-410-1950-530-874 into Snow plowing Overtime acct # 1-001-430-3110-570-131 \$14,558.50 and into Snow plowing Materials acct # 1-001-430-3110-570-422 for \$17,930.99. Transfer funds for snow plowing materials sand and salt and overtime. Purchase price of sand is \$17/yard and salt mixture is \$96/ton. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

#7b: Motion to transfer \$36,251.84 for the Public Works Department from Commercial Garbage acct# 1-001-430-3230-590-426 into Gasoline acct# 1-001-430-3110-570-626 due to gas and diesel price above budget due to usage for snow storms. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Putorti

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 3-Yes (Robert J. Koskelowski, John Putorti, Paul Roy)

1-No (John Conroy)

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

(Note: John Conroy would like an analysis and budget for the first 8 months of the gasoline account, in which all departments are separated.)

#7c: Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 for the Public Works Department from the Commercial Garbage acct # 1-001-430-3230-590-426 into Highway Materials acct# 1-001-430-3120-575-600. Current highway materials acct balance \$12.33. Due to winter storms more cold patch and curb replacement is anticipated. Commercial garbage activity is down due to the economy. Commercial garbage budget at \$135,000 and \$15,775 expended to date. To be referred to the Board of Finance.

Motion: John Conroy

Second: John Putorti

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM #8 - Correspondence.

#8a: Check Registers.

#8b: Town Clerk report for February 2009.

#8c: Copy of letter sent to Governor M. Jodi Rell concerning \$787 billion Economic

Recovery Package.

ITEM # 9 - Other Business.

Motion to add Paul Sponheimer's retirement to the agenda.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Paul Roy: States that Mr. Sponheimer has retired after 29 years as a coach for the Seymour Football Team and there was a well attended banquet held in his honor. He would like to request that the Board of Selectmen present Mr. Sponheimer with a Certificate of Appreciation at an upcoming meeting.

Motion to give Paul Sponheimer a certificate of appreciation at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting for his 29 years of coaching the Seymour Football Team.

Motion: Paul Roy

Second: John Conroy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 10 - Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 11 - Selectmen's Public Comment.

None at this time.

ITEM # 12 - Executive Session (Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Pending Litigation). None at this time.

ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30PM.

Motion: Paul Roy

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

Second: John Conroy

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

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Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,

Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,

Řobert J. Koskelowski,

First Selectman