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## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

May 19, 2009

### MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 beginning at 7:33 p.m.

Council President Dingee was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Leland A. Dingee, President  
Charles B. Ryan, Vice-President  
Harold Randolph  
Charles Kokoros  
John C. Mullaney  
Thomas Bowes  
Henry N. Joyce  
Ronald DeNapoli  
Paul Dan Clifford

Also Present: William Bottiggi, BELD General Manager  
Arthur Graziano, BELD Human Resource Director  
Electric Light Commissioners  
Al Varasso

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 055-09 Councilor Mullaney: Proclamation – Vincent Joyce  
Council Members presented Vincent Joyce with a proclamation.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**May 5, 2009**

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to accept minutes

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Abstain (Clifford, DeNapoli)

## **CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **052-09** Council President: Town Clerk Position

The Council President informed members that Human Resources had posted the Town Clerk's position on May 13<sup>th</sup> and applications would be accepted through June 1. The position was advertised in the Patriot Ledger on May 13 and will be advertised in the Braintree Forum on May 21. He also informed members that the Human Resource Director and Town Clerk created a job description and a copy was emailed to each member of the Council.

Councilor DeNapoli commented that he was given a copy of a letter written by the Human Resource Director which said the position should be posted. He wanted to know why the letter differed from the letter provided Council Members at their last meeting. The Council President informed members that he had requested from the Human Resource Director the policy on posting the position; not her opinion on what the Council should do. That decision was up to the Council to make and the Council voted to advertise the position. Councilor DeNapoli stated "he will have no part of it."

- **039-09** Councilor Clifford: Joint Meeting with BELD Commissioners

Electric Light Commissioner Chairman, Thomas Reynolds, called a meeting of the Commissioners to order.

Commissioner Chairman Reynolds provided some highlights on the payments in-lieu-of tax (PILOT) payments the Light Department makes to the Town. He explained that \$1 million dollars has been provided to the Town in the form of cash and in-kind services. An additional \$500K PILOT payment would be made once the new power generation plant is operating. The seven partners in the plant will all be contributing towards this additional payment. He also spoke on other contributions the Light Department makes to the Town; discounted street lighting, community support of events, MIS services, billing of Water & Sewer services. He pointed out that since the Light Department had taken over the Water & Sewer billing that nearly \$470K of unbilled services had been uncovered, some dating back to 1977.

General Manager Bottiggi provided an overview of the upcoming projects BELD will be performing over the next few years. Some of these projects were; cable replacement to the Swift Beach and Middle Street Sub-Stations, a renewable energy project of a solar array on top of the roof of the operation garage, a wind tower at two possible sites (landfill and reservoir), new transformer at the South Shore Plaza Sub-Station. Council President Dingee asked that Mr. Bottiggi explain the State Charter the Electric Light Department operates under. Mr. Bottiggi explained that the Light Department is governed by M.G.L. Chapter 164. It remains separate from the Town except for processing their revenues and expenses. The Light Department has a separate revenue source (ratepayers) from the Town and does not receive funding from the tax base. Light Department revenues are kept separate from Town funds.

The Electric Light Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 8:55pm.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **REFER TO COMMITTEE**

#### **Committee of Public Works: Chairman Charles Ryan**

- **09 014** NationalGrid: Petition – River Street / Lemoyne Street
- **09 015** NationalGrid: Petition – President Road
- **09 016** NationalGrid: Petition –Thompson Road

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan to refer each of the Orders to the Committee of Public Works

**Second:** by Councilor Randolph

**Vote:** Unanimous

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
James M. Casey  
Clerk of the Council