

CHARLES RYAN
President

LELAND DINGEE
At Large

SEAN POWERS
At Large

JOHN MULLANEY
District 2

THOMAS BOWES
District 3



CHARLES KOKOROS
Vice President
District 1

HENRY JOYCE
District 4

RONALD DENAPOLI
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

March 1, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

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

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli

Not Present: Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk

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

- **005 11 Councilor Mullaney:** Citizen Recognition – Amy Caldwell / Scott Caldwell
- **012 11 Councilor Powers:** Citizen Recognition – California Pizza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **064 10 Council President:** Sustainable Braintree – 3rd Annual Green Gala
- **003 11 Council President:** Run for Charlotte
- **014 11 Councilor Joyce:** Recreation Department - Upcoming Events
- **015 11 Councilor Dingee:** Thayer Public Library - Upcoming Events
- **016 11 Council President:** Braintree Youth Center
- **Councilor Joyce:** Braintree Rotary Event

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 15, 2011

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (5), Against (0), Abstain (3-Kokoros, Joyce, DeNapoli), Absent (1-Clifford)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings

- **11 002 Mayor:** FY2010 Unpaid Bill – Cell Phone

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Mullaney read into the records the January 14, 2011 memo from Peter Morin, Chief of Staff, which explained the cause of the unpaid cell phone bill of \$365.65 and reported that the Committee recommended favorable action.

Councilor Dingee pointed out that the cell phone bill was for a total of seven cell phones assigned to the DPW.

Council President Ryan asked if the public would like to speak on the issue. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the January 14, 2001 memo from Mr. Morin.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

- **11 003 Mayor:** Request for Funds – Water & Sewer Administration Funds

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Mullaney read into the records the January 14, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan that outlined the Mayor's request for \$100,000 and reported that the Committee recommended favorable action. Additionally, Councilor Mullaney commented that Mr. Morin stated that the second motion, as printed in the January 14th memo, should be deleted.

Councilor Powers asked the projected deficit in the account. Mr. Morin replied, under \$10,000.

Council President Ryan asked if the public would like to speak on the issue. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Kokoros read the motion as printed in the January 14th memo from the Mayor.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

- **11 004 Mayor:** FY2011 LINE ITEM TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Mullaney read into the records the January 14, 2011 memo from Mayor Sullivan that outlined the Mayor's request for \$250,000 to replenish the snow and ice budget and \$31,925 for reallocation of funds and reported that the Committee recommended favorable action on both items.

Mr. Morin explained that when the request was submitted back on January 14th, the additional \$250,000 would have covered the total snow and ice deficit. However, since that time there had been several major snowstorms and the total snow and ice expenditure has increased to a total of approximately \$1,084,000. With the approval of the additional \$250,000 funding the snow and ice deficit will be approximately \$584,000. He commented that Mayor does not intend to carryover a deficit into the next fiscal year. He will be requesting the Council later in the current fiscal year to use the approximately \$391,000 left in the 9C Reduction Reserve Account. The remaining funds would come from either Free Cash (currently at \$6.8 million) or the Stabilization Account (currently at \$2 million).

Mr. Morin explained a full-time position was allocated for the current fiscal year but has yet to be filled. The long range plan is to create a swing position between the Assessing Department and the Treasurer/Collectors Department to fill in either area as work demands increase. The position needs to be negotiated with the unions. The requested funding is to support a part-time position in the Treasurer/Collectors Department.

Council President Ryan asked if the public would like to speak on the issue. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Kokoros read the first motion regarding the snow and ice deficit as printed in the January 14th memo from the Mayor.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve 11 004 (A)

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

Councilor Kokoros read the second motion regarding reallocation of funds in the Assessors/Treasurer-Collector Departments as printed in the January 14th memo and recommended favorable action.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve 11 004 (B)

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- **017 11 Town Clerk:** Capital Need FY2011

Joseph Powers, Town Clerk, provided an overview of capital needs for “Replacing, Renovating and Reformatting” the vital records vault for the upcoming FY2012. Of the \$130,000 estimated project cost, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has awarded \$25,000 in FY2011 for the project. He has requested additional funding from CPC for FY2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means

- **11 005 Mayor:** FY2011 Line Item Transfers for Golf Course

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Clifford)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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