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Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2

Sean E. Powers
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

June 16, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 beginning at 7:32p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens
Charles Ryan

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff
Ed Spellman, Director of Finance
Thomas Whalen, DPW Director
Stephen J. O'Brien, DPW Superintendent
Dave McKenna, Assistant Highway Superintendent
Project Prove Students, Family, Teachers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• June 2, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve Minutes of June 2, 2015

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (0)

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

• 022 15 Council President: Discussion: DPW - Snow & Ice

Mayor Sullivan made some opening remarks in regards to the DPW Snow & Ice removal. Our Town is approximately 14 plus square miles. We had 63 pieces of equipment both public and private. We created snow farms to put what snow we were able to move.

Councilor Owens stated he would like the Committee on the Department of Public Works to look at the report and have a de-briefing. Councilor Owens asked about in the future a possible Customer Management System to log and track calls and responses. Mayor Sullivan replied they call it a Resident Response System and Mike Coughlin currently logs and tracks calls and responses.

Councilor Powers stated this is a thorough report. Nancy Kennedy was fielding calls and being the voice of the DPW. She deserves much credit.

Councilor Mullaney stated DPW Director deserves much credit though everything was not great. Colby Road was bad. It was icy, possibly a lack of pre-treatment. It was only one lane. If a car was coming down you would have to back down to let it by.

At 8:47pm Councilor Clifford and Councilor Kokoros left the Council Chambers to return at 8:49pm. They were not present when Councilor Owens made the following Motion therefore, Abstaining:

Motion made by Councilor Owens to forward this request to the Committee on the Department of Public Works for a de-briefing

Motion: by Councilor Owens

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (0), Abstain (2-Clifford, Kokoros)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

• 035 15 Jean Healey – Propose the Town create a flag to those serving in the Military

Ms. Jean Healey stated this proposal is to prepare and ship to Braintree men and women serving in the military a Town flag for their personal use. The greeting would reflect the pride and gratitude of the Town for the service they render for peace in the world. Young men and women serving in hazardous areas especially will benefit from the hometown assurance of their well-being and safety. The flag would be a size to mount on a wall in their bunk room. Families are invited to send the person's name, rank, serial number and address to the Town's Veterans Agent for processing. The flag will be shipped to the family who would then send it to their loved ones. A town wide appeal would be made for donations to finance this project.

Motion made by Councilor Kokoros to forward this request to the Veterans Services Committee

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

OLD BUSINESS

- **15 021 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations #4 or take up any action relative thereto (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Motion by Councilor Powers to Open Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

Committee on Ways & Means Report (Chairman Mullaney) - Committee recommends favorable action on Council Order 15 021

Council President Bowes asked if any other member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on the issue at hand. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Powers to Close Public Hearing

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

The following Motions were read by Councilor Powers

1. Department of Public Works – Recreation and Community Events

MOTION: That the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from the DPW Department- Capital / Program 69-Capital / Electric Vehicle account to the DPW Department / Program-015 Recreation and Communities Events program / July 4th Parade Festivities account.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

2. Department of Public Works – Highway

MOTION: That the sum of \$12,000 be transferred from the DPW Department- Capital / Program 69-Capital / Electric Vehicle account to the DPW Department / Program-06 Highway program / Overtime account.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

3. Police

MOTION: That the sum of \$30,000 be transferred from the Police Department/ Program-02 Building Maintenance program/ Equipment Maintenance account to the Police Department/ Program-03 Equipment Maintenance program/ Gasoline account.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

4. Law

MOTION: That the sum of \$16,100 be transferred from the Planning and Community Development Department / Program 04 Planning / Zoning Administrator account to the Law Department /Program 01- Administration / Claims Settlements account.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER

5. Water and Sewer Enterprise

MOTION: That the sum of \$56,100 be transferred from the Water Department / Program 51-Debt Interest/ Bond Interest account to the Water Department / Program-50 Debt Principal / Bond Principal account.

Motion: by Councilor Powers

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (9), Against (0), Absent (0)

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to the Committee on the Department of Public Works

- 15 022 National Grid Petition: 52 Victoria Avenue or take up any action relative thereto

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 15 023 Mayor: Request for Ratification FY2015 Bonding Authorization 15 002 and 15 003 or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 024 Mayor: Six Capital Article Requests or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 025 Mayor: Establishment of OPEB Trust or take up any action relative thereto
- 020 15 BELD: Watson 3 Development or take up any action relative thereto

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- June 2, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 022 15 Council President: Discussion: DPW - Snow & Ice Report
- 15 021 Mayor: Supplemental Appropriations #4 or take up any action relative thereto