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Board of Selectmen Minutes 06/14/2016

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June 14, 2016

Chairman Joseph Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Joseph Pacheco and Karen Roberts and Marie Smith.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Mrs. Smith motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to accept the minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting as printed, Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Department Heads & Committees

Chief Jim Januse was present to update the Board on the Activity Report for the month of May. Fires, fire incidents, mva investigations, and public assist were 90; Ambulance, medical emergencies mva's and public assist were 144; Miscellaneous inspections, fire alarm work and items of note were 89; Mutual aid fire and ambulance, 21 ambulance given, 3 ambulance received; 7 fire given, 1 fire received for a total of 32. ~There were a total of 1,187 calls for May, 2016 which is 65 less than last year. ~Chief Januse updated the Board on several employees who have been out on extended leave.

Mr. Ed Buckley, Highway Superintendent was present to give his monthly report. The street sweeping crew has swept the streets several times because of the leaves and the brush crew is mowing along the roads as well. They added 30 new sleeves to accommodate the flags for the Memorial Day Parade, with help from Mr. Dan Andrade. They have also made some catch basin repairs. The Park and Rec crew have been busy mowing and doing mulch. The TMLP has recently installed a new gate with a lock to prohibit people from gaining access to the conservation area behind Mel's Diner. The Police and Fire Departments have also been provided with a key. Mrs. Smith asked how the cleanup has been going. Mr. Buckley replied there is still some concrete left, but they are taking a break and will resume in September to finish the project.

Appointments

An application for re-appointment for Constable was received from David DiCenso. Mrs. Smith made a motion to appoint him for one year, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

New Business

Mr. Gordon Luciano, Chairman of the Sewer Commission, was present to address the Board. He wanted to commend Mr. Buckley and Chief Januse for the great cooperation extended to the Sewer Department. He is here to notify the Board of the filing of a lien to those households that do not pay off the betterment all at once. They have the option to pay it over time through their tax bills. There were 5 contracts under Phase 6 which was a total of 379 homes that received sewer service.

Phases 2 and 3 are complete which includes: Locust, Judson, and Church Streets, Alexandra Drive a portion of Rt. 44, Dean and Hill Streets, Captains Landing, and Suzanne Drive, and Adam, Sarah, and Gretchen Lanes. Phases 4, 5 and 6 are not complete but a cost analysis was done for all contracts combined and it will be \$6,970 per household. They can pay it all at

once with no interest, or over time but there would be a lien filed on their property. The Town pays 75% of the costs, and the other 25% is paid by each household. Mr. Pacheco wanted clarification for people listening. The betterment and the liens that he is referring to, they are only assessed when they are tied in and no lien is being placed on people's houses? Mr. Luciano replied there's a 30 day period that they have the option to pay upfront and without any lien filed, once that time passes the Registry of Deeds files a lien and if they want more information they can call the office. After these final phases, he stated over 90% of the streets in Raynham will have sewer. He is also keeping in mind preserving capacity for future economic growth. Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept the \$6,970 per household betterment fee provided by the Sewer Department, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous. Mr. Pacheco and the Board thanked Mr. Luciano for a job well done, and much credit also goes to the staff as well.

Mr. John McGarry, Sewer Superintendent, was present to address the Board. He wanted to discuss three sewer projects that are ongoing. The first one, Bassett Knoll Estates, is privately financed and includes 70 new homes. Mr. McGarry feels the contractor is doing a good job and the project should be complete in 3 to 4 weeks. Tibbetts Engineering will oversee the project for quality assurance. The second project is Phase/Contract 6 on Locust Street and is about half done and will require no interruption for through traffic. The third project is located on Church Street, and they will be using explosive charges next week to break up ledge. In mid-June they will complete the project on River Street. Because River Street is so narrow, they are going to have to stop through traffic, so they will need to have a detour. They would like to close the road, so the length of sewer line can be installed. Police will be at either end directing traffic. Mrs. Smith asked if they could notify the 12 homeowners in case of emergency. Mr. McGarry said he would. Mrs. Smith made a motion to allow the closure of River Street for the installation of sewer line, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Old Business

Mr. Pacheco has requested the decision on request by Attorney Fagan be tabled, pending further review. Mrs. Smith made a motion to accept, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Buckner reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. There will be no Selectmen's Meeting next week. The Senior Center Roof has been completed with minimal disruption to the seniors and staff, as most work was done on the weekends. The construction of the new jail cells should begin in July when the specialized equipment arrives.

There will be no meeting next week and the next Selectmen's Meeting, which will be held on June 28th the Department Heads, Chief Jim Donovan and Mr. Tim Inacio will be present also the Annual Appointments will be discussed.

The Department Head meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m. The Safety Committee meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m.

The Police Union Mediation will be held on June 28th at 10:00 a.m.

The OPEIU negotiations will be held on June 28th at 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Report

Mr. Roberts attended the B.R. Regional High School Graduation and said they did a wonderful job and it was well attended.

Mrs. Smith wanted to thank Olsen's for the lovely flowers that adorn the Raynham Signs and John Noblin and Bill Smith for helping plant them.

Correspondence

Mr. Mark Toohey of the American Legion Post #405 is requesting an outdoor liquor permit for June 26th from 12 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve, Mrs. Smith seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Correspondence was received from the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Telecommunications and Cable regarding the license renewal process of the Town's cable related needs.

The Board of Selectmen are invited to attend a religious seminar and ceremony at the new NMR Meditation Center on June 24th, 25th & 26th. The Board thanked them for the invitation.

A Tag Day request was received from Hebert Skating Championship for July 14th, 21st, 28th and Sept. 5th. A Tag Day request was received from Above and Beyond for July 11th, 12th, 13th and 25th, 26th and 27th. Mrs. Smith made a motion to approve, Mrs. Roberts seconded and Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

The 40th Anniversary TOPIC Pow Wow will be held on June 25th and 26th at Borden Colony Gazebo Park. It's being held in Raynham for the first time.

Adjournment

7:42 p.m. Mrs. Smith motioned and Mrs. Roberts seconded to adjourn for the performance of administrative duties, signing of Bills and Warrants, with no business to be conducted afterwards. Mr. Pacheco made it unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Janet Murphy
Recording Secretary