

Town Board Minutes December 17, 2008

Present: Supervisor William A. Eagan, Councilmen Richard K. Hawkins and James E. Pluta, and Councilwoman Cathy A. Maghran.

Excused: Councilwoman Cathleen M. Dobson.

Also Present: Town Attorney Downey and Code Enforcement Officers Ferguson and Lisowski.

Reverend Laun, Churchill Memorial United Methodist Church opened the meeting with a prayer.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and was seconded by Councilman Hawkins to refer the request for appointment from Donald Mania to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Eagan noted that the correspondence received from Nina G. Jablonski, 5507 Tanglewood Drive, regarding a Snowplow turnaround is not a Town Board issue and is therefore referred to Highway Superintendent Telaak.

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to authorize TVGA to review and assemble new bid specifications for the NYS police barracks.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Eagan stated that a scheduled bid opening will be determined by TVGA.

Councilman Pluta stated that the bid specifications should be ready in January.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Maghran and was seconded by Supervisor Egan directing Highway Superintendent Telaak to attend all Agenda Review and Town Board meetings in the future.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Town Attorney Downey noted that NYS Town Law Section 32(1) the Town Board is allowed to require the Highway Superintendent to duties as long as those duties do not conflict with his duties under the Highway Law.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan and was seconded by Councilman Pluta to direct Town Clerk Shenk to notify Highway Superintendent Telaak of the Town Board's motion directing him to attend all Agenda Review and Town Board meetings.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to accept the PERMA proposal for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2009 in the amount of \$84,680.

four (4) Ayes Carried

The following property and liability insurance proposals were received:

NYMIR First Niagara

Humphrey & Vandervoort Risk Management

\$48,502.01 \$42,997.29

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and seconded by Councilman Hawkins to authorize the Supervisor to enter into a contract with First Niagara Risk Management for property and liability insurance effective 1/1/09 in the amount of \$42,997.29.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Eagan noted that the umbrella coverage will be reviewed and any changes in cost will be discussed by the Town Board and reported at a future Town Board meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to approve the minutes of the 12/03/08 meeting.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and seconded by Supervisor Eagan upon review by the Town Board that fund bills on the Abstract dated December 11, 2008, in the amount of \$32,483.87 be paid.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Received and filed Town of Alden Resolution regarding the restoring of funding for the Cooperative Extension and Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Supervisor Eagan noted that when a previous Live Entertainment Permit was granted for Couzins, 7115 Boston State Road, the owners indicated they would purchase a bass screen for the drums. Supervisor Eagan noted that he received some complaints from neighbors regarding noise and believes that they may not have installed the bass screen as requested previously.

Supervisor Eagan directed Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Lisowski verify with the owners of Couzins that the bass screening for the drums was installed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and seconded by Councilwoman Maghran, on the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson, to approve an additional night of Live Entertainment on December 31, 2008 from 9 pm to 2 am for Couzins, 7115 Boston State Road, and that Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Lisowski contact them about installing a bass screen before any future permits are approved.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and seconded by Councilman Hawkins, on the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Telaak, to approve the National Fuel 2009 Annual Blanket Highway Work Permit.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Councilman Pluta and was seconded by Councilwoman Maghran to approve the Application for use of Town Facilities from Boston Chamber of Commerce for July 8, 2009, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Eagan read a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson stating that he did not have a problem with granting Joseph and Cheryl Russo of 7516 Cole Road an additional accessory building.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and was seconded by Councilman Hawkins stating that they concur with the recommendation of Code Enforcement Officer Ferguson regarding the Joseph and Cheryl Russo, 7516 Cole Road, request for an additional accessory building.

four (4) Ayes Carried

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and was seconded by Councilwoman Dobson to appoint Keith Clauss as a regular member of the Planning Board term to expire 2/01/2013.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Received and filed monthly reports from the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement Officers and the Dog Control Officer.

Supervisor Eagan noted Julie Costello, his assistant, was appointed to the Southtown's Meals on Wheels Board of Directors. He also stated that Kathy Selby is its accountant.

Councilman Pluta noted that Town Historian Sherrie Pluta will be at that Boston Library on 12/18/08 from 7 p.m. ? 9 p.m. for a book signing.

Councilman Pluta noted that next month he will be conducting an in-house fire and safety seminar with one of the senior groups.

Councilwoman Maghran reported that the Planning Board elected David Stringfellow, Chairman and Patricia Hacker, Vice Chairman, for 2009.

Councilman Pluta reported that the Conservation Advisory Council has elected Patricia Thompson as Chairman, and Dr. Norman Hertz as Financial Liaison for 2009.

The Town Board wished everyone happy holidays.

Supervisor Eagan noted that the Conservation Advisory Council has canceled its December 18th meeting.

Councilman Pluta noted that letters will be mailed to Boston Commons area residents regarding the Community Block Grant. He stated that this grant will not be processed this cycle, but he stands committed to the project and will continue working on it.

Councilwoman Maghran noted that an electrician has been repairing some of the timers and electric eyes on some of the individual boxes for the Christmas lights. There will be a more extensive repair done next year on the timer light boxes. She noted she is trying to get some of the new businesses in town to join in on the lighting decorations.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eagan and seconded by Councilman Hawkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

DAVID J. SHENK, TOWN CLERK