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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Regular Meeting

Town Hall –Selectmen's Meeting Room

Chairman Cronin called meeting to order at 7:35pm

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of The Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting of April 29, 2015. Motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Tanis. Unanimously carries.

Approval of Warrants:

45A-15 \$79,259.02 motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Tanis. Unanimously carries.

#45B-15 \$272,276.94 motioned for approval by Selectman Menges and seconded by Selectman Tanis. Unanimously carries.

Correspondence

A letter from a resident of Park Street is read regarding the degradation of Park Street over the past 14 years. Mr. Flatley states that to his knowledge the road has never been paved during that period. He asks what the plans are to pave these streets, and when and how they are selected.

Selectman Menges says that prioritization is determined mainly by speed limits and if they can be sustained safely. There are some drainage issues on Park Street that will need to be addressed also. We will be in touch with Mr. Flatley and our guess is this project will be completed in the fall.

Announcements are read by Selectman Tanis

In addition, Mr. Jack Taylor, Rehoboth Veteran's Officer would like to say a few words about the Memorial Day Parade. He states that the parade will start at the Council on Aging on Rte 118. It will march down Bay State Road and afterwards there will be a ceremony held at the gazebo w a special celebration for the 40th anniversary for Vietnam veterans. Call 508 252 4467 or email veterans@town.rehoboth.ma.us.

Old Business

None

New Business

Appointment of Lucas Fagundes as an Intern to the Board of Selectmen Mr. Fagundes is sworn in by Sue Medeiros, Town Clerk.

Appointment of Robert Silvia to Renewable Energy Committee Robert Silvia is sworn in by the town clerk.

Chairman Cronin explains the next several agenda items and why they are necessary. We will be approving interdepartmental transfers. The transfers are necessary due to a number of different reasons, increase in energy costs, unforeseen expenses, etc.

One department has been so depleted by snow emergencies that other departments have stepped forward to transfer some funds to help this department with unforeseen expenses

Request to transfer from Town Clerks Office - Elections Communications Acct#010-0-162-0000-5340 to Highway Department Equipment Repairs Acct #010-0-422-0000-70-5240 in the amount of \$1000.00. Motion to approve the transfer of \$1000.00 from Town Clerk to the Highway Department by Selectman Tanis, Seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries

Request to transfer from Town Clerk, Elections Account #010-0-0000-50-5120 in the amount of \$1500.00 to Highway Department's Energy and Communications Account. \$1000.00 for Energy Account #010-0-422-70-5210, and \$500.00 for Communications Account #010-0-422-0-5340. Selectman Tanis motions to approve the transfer. Selectman Menges seconds the motion. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer from Treasurers office - Postage Account #010-0-145-0000-70-5346, in the amount of \$3000.00 to the Highway department-Fuel Account #010-0-422-0000-70-5481. Motion to accept the transfer from Treasurer to Highway Department by Selectman Tanis. Seconded by Selectman Menges. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer funds from the Assessor's Office - Map update Account #010-0-141-0000-70-5301 in the amount of \$2000 to the Highway Department - Equipment Account #010-0-422-0000-70- 5240 for repairs to aging equipment. Selectman Tanis motions to accept. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer from Fire Department - Gas & Diesel Account #010-0-220-0000-70-5481 in the amount of \$1000.00, to Highway Department Gas & Diesel Account #010-0-422-70-5481 due to the fact Highway is of funds for gas and diesel. Selectman Tanis motions to accept transfer from Fire Department to Highway Department. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer funds from Building Inspections Department-Overtime and Additional Hours Account #010-0-241-0000-50-5131 in the amount of \$1000.00 to the Gas Inspection Department, Gas Inspection account #010-0-242-0000-70-5300. Selectman Tanis motions to accept the transfer. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer funds from Building Inspections - Overtime & Additional Hours account #010-0-241-0000-50-5131 in the amount of \$1000.00 to Plumbing Inspection Department - Plumbing Inspection Account #010-0-243-000-70-5300 for additional inspections. Selectman Tanis motions to accept the transfer. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer funds from the Building Inspection Department-Overtime and Additional hours Account #010-0-241-0000-50-5131 to the Electrical Inspection Department-Electrical Inspection Account #010-0-245-0000-70-5300 in the amount of \$1000.00. Selectman Tanis motions to accept the transfer and Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Request to transfer funds from the Communications Department,- Communications account #010-00-215-0000-5340 to the Highway Department-Highway Equipment Account #010-0-422-70-5240 in the amount of \$1000.00 for multiple repairs to aging equipment. Selectman Tanis motions to accept the transfer. Selectman Menges seconds the motion. Unanimously carries.

Selectman Menges adds that he would like to comment on this procedure - It is limited to this time of year. They cannot be done just any time during the year, if a department needs funds. This procedure is not without some concern. Those of you who may be disposed to going back to appropriation, you may want to write to your state representative. These transfers are relied upon by the departments to finish the year.

Extension of lawn maintenance contract with Dream builders for a period of three years at the current rates.

Chairman explains that Dream builders does all the maintenance of the cemeteries in town (55 total) - some are private. 30 something are taken care of by the town. Typically this contract runs for one year. We approached this company last year and asked him if he would like the option to extend. He stated he would very gladly lock in his rates for the next three years. As you all can see when you drive down Main Street, he does a nice job.

Chairman Cronin reads the letter to Paul Silvia of Dreambuilders to extend his contact for a period of three years.

Selectman Tanis motions to extend the lawn maintenance contract with the Town of Dighton.

Selectman Menges declines to vote as he has a relative who works for the company. Chairman Cronin steps down to second. Unanimously carries.

(Chairman says to let the record show that Selectmen Menges recused (himself from the vote.)

Warrant for Special Town Meeting for May 27, 2015, is read in its entirety by Selectman Menges. Three copies are signed by all selectmen. Selectman Menges motions to accept the reading of the Warrant. Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting is read in its entirety by Chairman Cronin, Selectman Tanis and Selectman Menges moves that the Annual Town Meeting be called, the administrative assistant make 4 minor corrections and give us a copy that we can sign tomorrow. Selectman Tanis Seconds. Unanimously carries.

Permission for Race Director Chris Moulding to hold the annual Dighton Run for Heroes. Chairman Cronin reads the email request from Mr. Moulding in its entirety. Selectman Tanis motions to grant permission, and Selectman Menges seconds. Unanimously carries.

Reports

Selectman Menges gives an update of the 911 regionalization. We are currently studying the agreement of Lynn and Swampscott. We have also asked Mr. Ross Perry for some figures, to reflect that if regionalization were to occur, it would be between Fall River and Dighton. Fall River Corporation counsel is working on a draft governance agreement. We will then pitch to the 911 regional governance board in Boston. Of course we will look at what SRPEDD comes back with for numbers. We are in the process of putting a fine point on our study. 911 Regionalization is a new approach and is the coming approach. Future boards will be approached with this again. It will be good that we have a complete study, so they can see the product of our study. It has been a very instructive exercise.

Acknowledgements

Acknowledgement of an anonymous donation to the Council on Aging in the amount of \$228.00. Motion to acknowledge the donation by Selectman Menges. Seconded by Selectman Tanis. Unanimously carries.

Public Input

None

Selectman Menges would like to add that on May 8th 1945. Seventy years ago was the end of the Second World War in Europe. Dighton has the role of honor by the veteran's office in town hall. Dighton made a noble contribution. To all of those who served and contributed to the victory, there will be plenty of recollection and stories. Justice was never so well served. He quotes Churchill. That is all.

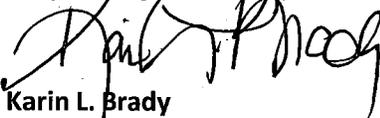
Chairman Cronin thanks everyone.

There are a couple of minor errors to take care of within the Warrant. It will be posted to website as well as post offices and town hall. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Menges. Seconded by Selectman Tanis.

Adjourned at 10:30pm

Respectfully submitted,



Karin L. Brady
Administrative Assistant



Dean V. Cronin-Chairman



Matthew W. Tanis-Member



Patrick W. Menges-Clerk