

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

E. Bud Whalon called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: E. Bud Whalon, Thomas J. Pires and Dean V. Cronin

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approve Minutes

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: E. Bud Whalon, VOTED to approve meeting minutes of September 14, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #012A-11 Payroll \$ 55,971.93

Warrant #012B-11 Vendor bills \$ 138,625.84

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Correspondence

The following correspondence was read:

Due to a decrease of State supplied vaccine, the Dighton Council on Aging will not host a flu clinic this year. Residents were advised to contact their primary care doctor or visit a flu clinic.

Announcements were read.

Antonio Silva, 2022 Somerset Avenue

NO SHOW

Review/Act – Institute Charge to the Police Station Committee

The Board thanked the newly appointed 7 member committee for volunteering their time and services. Further, the Board requested the Committee to work with the Police Chief in preparing an application for a two million dollar loan for the building of a new police station and would like a report of their findings no later than October 24, 2011. Most information will be readily available at the Selectmen's office and Thomas Pires will serve as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Selectmen. It was noted that all meetings must abide by the Open Meeting Law.

Review/Act – Police Officer Appointment

After receiving numerous applications and conducting ten interviews, Motion: Dean V. Cronin, second: Thomas J. Pres VOTED to appoint Ryan Richards as the Town of Dighton's Full-Time Police Officer effective Sunday, September 25, 2011.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Mr. Richards shall commence the Police Academy in November.

Public Input

Timothy Rhines, Main Street asked if the report from the Department of Workforce and Labor specifically quoted a fine for non-compliance. Chairman Whalon indicated that a discussion relative to fines being implemented was during a phone conversation with Mr. Robert Kenwick after receiving the Town's response to the complaint. Mr. Rhines offered the Board assistance in the application process for a USDA loan and noted that the loan is filed by the Town Treasurer. Mr. Rhines also offered the contact information for the individual who was involved with building the Public Safety Building in Swansea.

Karen O'Connor asked for the status report of the grant writer. It was noted that she is actively pursuing monies to pay for the engineering and architectural design of the Police Station.

Karen O'Connor asked if the \$1.4 million vote for the construction of a new library was going to be rescinded at the next special town meeting and if so, would the monies be returned to stabilization? It was clarified that the \$1.4 million vote is scheduled to be rescinded at the next special town meeting but that the \$1.4 million was a request to apply for a loan. Because the library wasn't approved to be built the loan was never issued.

Motion: Dean V. Cronin, seconded: Thomas Pires VOTED to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Respectfully submitted,
Boards of Selectmen/Health
Kerrie J Easterday, Administrative Assistant

Approved by:

