

TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN/HEALTH
JULY 24, 2013

THIS MEETING WAS NOT AUDIO TAPED NOR VIDEO RECORDED.

In public session, the Board recessed ostensibly to allow the Personnel Officer, Selectman Menges, to meet with the Superintendent of Streets, Tom Ferry, but Superintendent Ferry had left town hall, wherefore, until his return the meeting resumed.

The Board on a motion of Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Pires, voted to refer to the Chief of Police a letter of complaint from Shawn S. Rowe of 786 Main Street alleging police unresponsiveness to a 1 July 2013 disturbance at 2080 Manomet Avenue, and to send a letter to Mr. Rowe informing him that it had done so. Selectman Menges drafted, Administrative Assistant Kerrie Easterday typed, and the Selectmen signed the letter.

Chairman Cronin opened bids for a trash bags contract:

1. Boxes & Bags Unlimited, Lewiston ME: Small \$33.04 per case, Large: \$56.09 per case
2. Tags, Bags, Containers, Greenfield, MA: Small \$33.75 per case, Large: \$51.00 per case
3. WasteZero, Murrill's Inlet, South Carolina (bags on rolls): Small: \$34.20 per case, Large: \$52.00 per case

Chairman Cronin read a note indicating that Dighton had previously used Waste Zero's bags and found them unsatisfactory because they tore open with minimal weight loads.

On a motion by Selectman Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the Board unanimously voted to award the trash bags contract to Trash, Bags, Containers of Greenfield [in accordance with the Town's advertised solicitation].

The personnel officer in the presence of the Board then met with Superintendent Ferry of the Highway Department concerning a written letter of complaint from laborer Melissa Rose. The personnel officer drafted a memorandum to Union Steward Jeffrey Gagnon asking him to encourage Ms. Rose to meet personally with Superintendent ferry to come to an understanding about the matter (alleged inequality in early heat day start time for hydraulic operator, not accorded to laborer.) and indicating that the Board would hear the matter if that failed to resolve it. The memo was given to Superintendent Ferry to give to Steward Gagnon.

The Board unanimously agreed to schedule a contract negotiation session with Fire Chief Antone P. Roderick, Jr., for Tuesday, 30 July 2013, at 1:00PM.

On a motion of Selectmen Pires, seconded by Selectman Menges, the meeting was adjourned without day, at 12:33 PM.


Patrick W. Menges
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen