

**TOWN OF DIGHTON
BOARDS OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

Dean V. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

Present: Dean V. Cronin, Thomas J. Pires and Patrick W. Menges

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Board had a Moment of Silence in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 – Veterans Services Officer Interviews.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 – Executive Session.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2013 – Disaster Committee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the meeting minutes of September 11, 2013 – Regular Meeting.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Approve Warrants

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires, VOTED to approve the following warrants:

Warrant #012A-14	Payroll	\$	67,479.43
Warrant #012B-14	Vendor bills	\$	118,681.20

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Expenditure Detail

NONE

Correspondence

The Board recognized Library Director Jocelyn Tavares attendance to the Disaster Response Planning and Preparation sponsored by the Office of Library and Information Services on Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

The State Auditor's office has notified the Town that under MGL Ch. 29, Sec. 27C Dighton will receive \$5,750.00 in reimbursement costs for costs incurred during the special elections held on April 30, 2013 and June 25, 2013.

Verizon Foundation, in partnership with Technology Student Association, announced that it has opened the 2013-2014 Innovative App Challenge, giving middle and high school students across the country a chance to develop a concept for a mobile app and bring it to market.

Announcements were read. It was noted that Chestnut and North Streets are currently under maintenance repair. It was also noted on September 25th, 29th and October 2nd the Board of Health will read and institute an Outdoor Wood Burning Boiler Regulation.

Status Update of New Police Station

The Board announced that for the past month they, in conjunction with the Police Station Committee, has been working on the Request for Qualifications for a Project Manager. Five responses was received, wherein, the Board and Committee have interviewed the top three candidates. It is anticipated that a Project Manager will be selected within two weeks.

Review/Discuss/Act: Notice of Activity and Use Limitation Form 1075 for Highway Garage, 2011 County Street

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to table pending further information.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Introduce New Veterans Agent

The Board introduced and welcomed Dighton's new Veterans Agent, Donald Hirschy. Mr. Hirschy has led many parades as the drummer and is aware of the intricacies of the position.

Commend Police & Fire Personnel

The Board commended and thanked EMT's Thomas Medeiros and Steven Alvarez, Patrolmen Ryan Richards and Michael Barros, the Rehoboth, Seekonk and East Providence Police Departments, for their life saving efforts involving a 14 year old Dighton resident that was severely injured while skateboarding on Brook Street. Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to send letter of acknowledgement to all parties involved.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Appoint Rachel Rapoza as Constable

The Board received an application as Constable from Call Firefighter Rachel Rapoza. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to appoint Rachel Rapoza as Constable.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Resignation of David Marvill

The Board received and read David D. Marvill's resignation as Graves Officer and Custodian of the John VanGyzen Hall. The Board noted anyone looking to serve on behalf of the Town of Dighton should see the Selectmen's office for more information. Motion: Patrick W.

Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept the resignation of David D. Marvill as Graves Officer.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Motion: Patrick W. Menges, seconded: Thomas J. Pires VOTED to accept the resignation of David D. Marvill as Custodian of the John VanGyzen Hall.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Passport Photo Fee Increase

The Board received and read from Passport Agents, Heidi Swist & Valerie Wilson, seeking to increase the Passport Photo Fee from \$10.00 to \$15.00 to coincide what surrounding towns charge. The Board noted that the same photos can be obtained free from AAA, can be obtained from CVS at minimal cost and questioned the cost to produce pictures. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED not to increase the Passport Photo Fee.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Review/Discuss/Act: Administrative Assistant Hour Increase for Police Station

The Board received and read Police Chief Robert MacDonald's request to increase the hours of the Administrative Position for the Police Department. Personnel Officer, Patrick W. Menges, met with Police Chief MacDonald and Administrative Assistant, Karlene Bourque to discuss the matter and it was noted that the work load has increased over the past few years and that funding for the additional hours is currently in the budget. Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to approve the additional four (4) hours for the Police Department Administrative Assistant effective September 23, 2013.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

Public Input

Tim Rhines asked when the furniture on the sidewalk on Main Street will be removed. The Board noted that the Board of Health is actively pursuing the matter.

Tim Rhines noted that the tennis courts located on County Street is currently closed due to structural deficiency and exposed wires.

Frank Costa inquired the status of the John VanGyzen Hall on School Street. It was noted that the Town has retained ownership and will wait six (6) months to see if another Veterans group would be interested in utilizing the building. Until then, the building is secure and is monitored with surveillance cameras. Tim Rhines suggested renaming the building Memorial Hall.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas J. Pires, seconded: Patrick W. Menges VOTED to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Vote: UNANIMOUS

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

Approved by:

