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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Mike Costello, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais and Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator

At 6:34 p.m. it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21 (a)**
(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Call to Order at 7:08 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for July 20, 2020:

D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 21-03B Payroll, \$112,165.89; 21-02A2 Withholdings, \$33,933.56; 21-03 Warrant, \$171,580.77. D. Perry made a motion to ratify the weekly warrants as read. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Warrants for July 27, 2020:

D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 21-04B Payroll, \$106,886.75; 21-03A Withholdings, \$132,831.96; 21-04 Warrant, \$85,886.12; 21-04V Veterans Warrant, \$9,298.90. D. Perry made a motion to approve the weekly warrants as read. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 1/22/19, 1/28/19, 2/4/19, 5/26/20
Executive Session Minutes: 7/15/20

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2019. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2019. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2019. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2019. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0. M. Costello abstained.

Open Forum – Announcements:

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, August 3 at 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road. We have invited the Moderator to join us, as well as other key employees to discuss Town Meeting. Outside of reading the Warrant, this meeting will only be dedicated to this discussion.

G. Schwall mentioned there might be one other item to be brought before the Board next week because it is time-sensitive.

Town Administrator's Report

Email has been sent to Laura, Mike D., and Derek to join us on August 3rd. They are all available on the 3rd and will be present at the meeting.

Email sent on Wednesday, July 22 to the Board asking if the COA would be available for our auditors to come in on August 24-28th. We have the in-person election being held that week at Town Hall. The auditors are booked until after Thanksgiving, so we could not pick another date. We have found a solution that benefits all parties. They will use the Assessor's Office (vacant meeting room). Room will be disinfected each morning by Bill Pray. Auditors will be required to stay in room as much as possible and to use face coverings. The Assessors have approved.

G. Schwall informed the Board that this will not interfere with the Assessors meeting on Tuesday.

Legislature voted for an in-person early voting session to be held at Town Hall. It will be held in the BOS Meeting Room beginning Saturday, August 22nd through Friday, August 28th. This is for the September 1st Primary. Another session, for 14 days will be held in October for the November Presidential/General election in the same manner.

Last week we held interviews for the truck driver/Laborer position in the Highway Dept. We interviewed four candidates and it went well. Dave Scanlon finalized the process with background checks. We offered the position to one candidate and they have accepted. Start date to be August 10th pending physical results.

G. Schwall questioned whether the new hire should be ratified by the Board, as has been the custom.

M. Costello brought up that the recent Forestry hire needs to be ratified as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item 6: Vote to Approve Patrolman's Association MOA

On 7/27 the BOS office received from Special Counsel the signed agreement from the Patrol's Union. They have agreed to the new COLA rate and to the additional step for "Academy Rate" for incoming Patrolman. These changes are in effect from 6/30/2020-6/30/2021. This needs to be done before they are appointed.

J. Muri motioned to approved the new agreement between the Town of Rehoboth and MASSCOP Local #209 (Patrolman's Association) effective 6/30/2020 to 6/30/2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

J. Muri motioned to amend the previous motion to July 1, 2020 to 6/30/2021. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

D. Perry questioned whether this is a memorandum of agreement or the contract?

G. Schwall clarified that everything else in the contract remains the same. This is article 4 and article 5 of their existing contract.

Chief Trombetta is recommending two Reserve Officers be appointed to Patrol Officers and is asking for the vote of the Board. Sergeant Gregory Forget was present on the Chief's behalf and introduced the two officers and assured the Board of their qualifications.

M. Costello motion to appoint Nicholas Bellavance and Stephanie Connolly as Rehoboth Patrol Officers and to be entered into the Academy on August 3, 2020. Effective 7/27/2020-indefinitely. Vote 5-0

M. Costello amended the above motion to be subject to successful completion of the Academy. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri stated that both candidates are highly credentialed and they will serve the Town of Rehoboth well. M. Costello stated that they both are current reserves that work well with current officers. Commended them for entering into this position after what is going on. Good Luck and stay safe!

D. Perry stated we all were lucky to get them into the academy the way the numbers were this year. The Board congratulated the new appointees.

Action Item #1: Vote to Accept Bill Maiorano's Retirement from REMA

Last week the Clerk's office received a letter of resignation/retirement from Bill Maiorano. The effective date was June 30th. Bill will be greatly missed.

D. Perry motion to accept the retirement of William Maiorano from REMA. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

The entire Board expressed their extreme gratitude and respect for Bill and his work as director of REMA.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Appointments, as submitted

Chief Barresi from our Fire Department is willing to help out with REMA due to the retirement of Bill Maiorano.

D. Perry motion to appoint Chief Frank Barresi as Interim Director for the Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency (REMA) Effective: 7/27/2020 to 6/30/2021. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

We received two more volunteers to help with our Elections.

D. Perry motion to appoint James Roche as an Election Inspector-Unenrolled- Precinct 2. Effective 7/27/2020 to 10/31/2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

We have received our final Student Poll Worker, permitted by Mass General Law. Thank you for your interest in helping with the Town.

D. Perry motion to approve Mackenzie Morgenweck as a Student Poll Worker. Effective: 7/27/2020 to 10/31/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve AppGeo Quote/Assessor's Office

The Board of Selectmen's office received from Derek the yearly quote from AppGeo for the Assessor's Website Service and Professional Services. Effective 7/1/20-6/30/21. Invoices to follow.

G. Schwall motioned to approve the quote for the Assessor's Website and professional Services effective 7/1/20-6/30/21. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall stated that it has been reviewed and it is in the IT budget.

D. Perry stated that this is an app that he uses, all the time. Very useful.
J. Muri stated many useful info that other Boards use.

Action Item 4: Request for Comment: Form M Veader Property

Planning Board is requesting review of the Form M Veader Property located at Davis and Pleasant Street.

Board signed the documents showing they received plans but will schedule Gravel Committee meeting to see if gravel law is applicable.

G. Schwall - Planning Board/Conservation Committee Gravel representatives want to be present.

Action Item 5: Request to Approve Naming of Streets – Veader Property

Planning Board is requesting approval of street names for Veader Property:
Jimmy's Way and Veader Farm Road

M. Costello motioned to table the approval. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

The Board questioned whether using people's names was appropriate and whether we should continue to allow, as well as whether this has gone through all the necessary departments yet, what the proper policy is and if they were following it.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Muri: no report

Perry: no report

Costello:

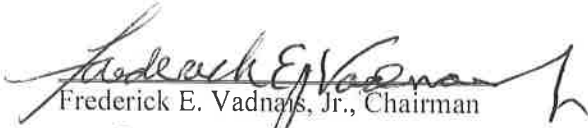
- Tremont Street under construction starting 7/29 for 3 days, seek alternate route.
- Asking Board to send letter to Governor and Senate regarding bill H. R. 2800, bad bill.
- M. Costello explained how bill works. First Responders can get sued when going on a call and something goes wrong.

M. Costello motioned to have Board put letter together. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

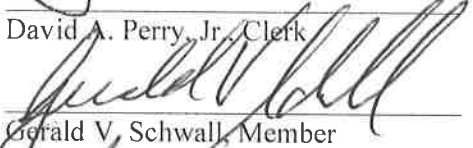
Schwall: no report

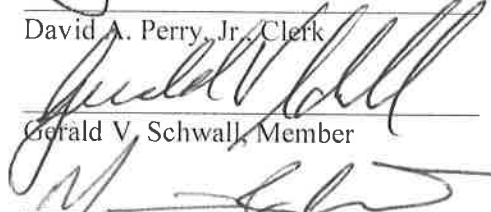
Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:50 PM. Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vote 5-0.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Gerald V. Schwall, Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 9/8/2020