



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 21, 2007

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Robert E. Burke, Selectman Paul Szatkowski, and Selectman Patrick T. Wild. Town Counsel William Hagan was also present.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Burke called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Correspondence: None that is not on the agenda.

Public Comments: Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission Timothy Beeble, Robert Legnard, William Slifkin, A.J. Bernard, Robert Crnic, and Paul Improta spoke.

Comments by First Selectman: Robert Burke acknowledged the contributions to the Charter Revision Commission made by the late Jerry Spillane.

Minutes of August 7, 2007: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to approve the minutes of August 7, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of Special Meeting of August 14, 2007: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 14, 2007 as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of Public Hearing of August 14, 2007: A correction was made by Selectman Wild. His address is now 31 Nashville Road Ext. Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of August 14, 2007 as corrected. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business

1.) Consideration of Resolution – DEP Consent Order – Chestnut Street Culvert Project

Attorney Daniel O’Grady, representing the Town of Bethel, addressed the Board of Selectmen and provided background information.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

RESOLVED: that the Town of Bethel acting herein by its Board of Selectmen, duly authorized, agrees with the contents of that certain directive the “Consent Order” issued by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, known as DIV-2001-1006V.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Robert Burke be empowered to sign the “Consent Order” and forward same to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Charter Revision Commission’s proposed Charter changes in accordance with statutory process.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen hereby approves in its entirety the Draft Report of the Charter Revision Commission containing proposed amendments to the Charter (the “Amendments”); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen hereby publicly expresses its thanks to the Charter Revision Commission for its work and terminates the Commission as its work is completed; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen directs that the Amendments be published in accordance with the requirements of the Connecticut General Statutes; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Amendments be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection at the regular election scheduled for November 6, 2007; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Amendments be so submitted to the electors for approval or rejection in two separate questions: 1) as to those Amendments providing for separate votes on the Town Operating Budget and Board of Education Budget; and 2) as to all remaining Amendments; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and Town Counsel are authorized and directed to prepare the language to appear on the ballot in accordance with the foregoing; and it is further

RESOLVED that all actions necessary or convenient to accomplish the foregoing be taken.

Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund authorization

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

To approve the Tax Collector's request, dated August 20, 2007, to authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$4,408.10.

Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of Library grant application

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Bethel Board of Selectmen has reviewed the Connecticut State Library Construction Grant application for 2007 and approves its submission to the Connecticut State Library.

Selectman Szatkowski asked for clarification of several items. Library Director Lynn Rosato addressed his concerns.

Vote on the motion: all in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

5.) Consideration of waiver of bid process and bid award for:

- a.) Berry (Rockwell) School – Boiler
- b.) Middle School – Hot Water Heating System
- c.) South Street Fire House – Boiler

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to change "a.) Berry School – Boiler" to "a.) Rockwell School – Boiler." Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to change "f.) Land Pro for Parks & Recreation Department" to "f.) Sand Pro for Parks & Recreation Department." Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

That in accord with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.(C)(4) and based on the recommendation from the Town Engineer, that it is in the best interest of the Town of Bethel to waive the bidding process for the replacement of the boiler system at Rockwell School and the South Street Fire House, and replacement of the Hot Water System at the Middle School, based on the following reasons: to continue with a sole-source vendor for the continuity of service, consistency in the use of equipment, parts and materials and the vendor's history of responsive, efficient and superlative service, and based upon the need to move ahead with these replacements.

Further, to award the bid to Connecticut Combustion Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$34,370 for the South Street Fire House Boiler, an amount not to exceed \$99,790 for the Rockwell School boiler and an amount not to exceed \$39,920 for the Middle School Hot Water System.

Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

d.) High School Track

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

That in accord with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.(C)(4) and based on the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Director, it is in the best interest of the Town of Bethel to waive the bidding process for the rehabilitation of the Bethel High School Track to commence work in the fall in order for the track to be ready for spring sports and community use.

Further, to award the bid to Dalton Company, for an amount not to exceed \$41,000.

Questions raised by Selectman Wild were addressed by Parks and Recreation Department Director Eileen Earle.

Vote on the motion: all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

e.) Lawn Mower for Parks & Recreation Department

f.) Land (Sand) Pro for Parks & Recreation Department

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

That in accord with the provisions of the Town of Bethel Charter, Section C8-13.(C)(4) and based on the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Director, that due to the costly repair to the engine of the Groundmaster, it is in the best interest of the Town of Bethel to lease instead of purchase equipment, and to waive the bidding process for the lease of equipment for Parks & Recreation due to the need to replace the engine in current lawnmower.

Further, to award the lease to Turf Products Corporation for a sum not to exceed \$17,770.47 for the Toro Infield Pro 5040 and \$44,454.85 for the Toro Groundsmaster 4500-D.

Parks and Recreation Department Director Eileen Earle addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding these items.

Vote on the motion: all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.) Consideration of request – use of roadways in Clarke Park – Soap Box Derby Races

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, as follows:

To approve the request of the Soap Box Derby Association to hold their race series on Saturday, September 8th and Sunday, September 9th in the Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park, subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance coverage and notification to park occupants.

Selectman Wild asked that the organization include the hours of use.

Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

7.) Adjournment:

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Wild, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Bradley, Recording Secretary