



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

REVISED

Tuesday, September 2, 2008
7:30 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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Present: First Selectman Burke, Selectman Szatkowski, and Selectman Cleary. Also in attendance was William Hagan, Town Attorney.

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

Public Comments: Richard Merritt, Hilda Delucia, Jim Busack, and Joe DeLucia spoke.

Correspondence: None that was not on tonight's agenda

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business, Item # 3 – Consideration of request from the Soap Box Derby Association – Use of roadways in Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of August 19, 2008: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to approve the minutes of August 19, 2008 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Burke reported that the high school opened on time, he is still looking into expanding gas service to the educational park. Road work has commenced on Taylor Road and the town continues to pursue grant opportunities.

Bethel. Selectman Cleary made a motion, which was not seconded to invite Representative Bartlett to the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Motion failed for lack of a second. A copy of a letter from P. Kansky, Grants Coordinator regarding the funding is attached hereto.

New Business

1.) Appointment – Bethel Housing Authority

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to accept the recommendation from the Republican Town Committee and appoint Elaine R. Budd to the Bethel Housing Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Carole Ritch. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of Tax Collector's request for Tax Refund Authorization

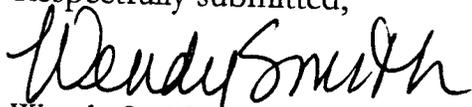
First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the Tax Collector's request, dated September 2, 2008 and authorize Tax Refunds in the amount of \$1,759.40. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of request from the Soap Box Derby Association – Use of roadways in Francis J. Clarke Industrial Park.

First Selectman Burke made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the request of the Soap Box Derby Association to hold their racing event on Saturday, September 6th and Sunday, September 7th subject to receipt of the appropriate insurance and notification to the Police Department and Clarke Park occupants. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Cleary, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary



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June 11, 2008

To: Robert Burke
From: P. Kansky
Subject: Grants proposed by J. Bartlett

Earmark Funds

Both the \$500,000 downtown and teen center project and the 2M Terre Haute project are earmark funds. Such funding is established by going to the Speaker of the House and asking him to include this funding in the bond bill. It gets passed by the General Assembly. Then it becomes an effective authorization and it waits for inclusion on the Bonding Commission's Agenda by the Governor.

OPM has hundreds of these requests that have not moved forward. The State cannot bond all of these requests. Anyone seeking these funds needs to actively and constantly lobby for inclusion on the Bonding Commission's Agenda, or it will simply just sit there.

Mr. Bartlett asked DOT to lease State land near the train station for additional parking (35 spaces) as well as \$250,000 to complete this project. DOT is reviewing this request and has indicated that more than \$250,000 would be needed to complete this project.