



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Bryan Terzian, Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman*

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT Meeting Room A

Present: First Selectman: Dan Carter, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Selectman Rich Straiton
Also present, Town Counsel: Melanie O'Brien (joined the meeting at 7:07pm), Director of Finance and Business Operations: Jen Variale (via Google Meet), and Board of Finance chairman: Nick Ellis

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by First Selectman Carter.

Public Comments: Scott Daniska 90 Dodgingtown Road (via Google Meet)

Correspondence: None

Approval of minutes:

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes from April 16, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on 4/16/2024 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of Board of Selectmen special meeting minutes from May 2, 2024:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to approve the special meeting minutes from 5/2/2024 as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Reports:

First Selectman Carter stated:

- We are interviewing for an IT position.
- There is an open position in the Bethel Health Department.
- Re: World Café, there will be a meeting in the next week or two to connect with those who participated in the focus group
- He's working on a Personnel Plan.

- Planning re: how we do Parks/Recreation programs. Need more programs for families with young children

Unfinished Business:

Continuation of discussion of Charter Revision:

The Board of Selectmen agreed to table this discussion.

Consideration of final approval of Stony Hill Fire Department Chief's vehicle:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance the purchase of the chief's vehicle for SHFD in an amount not to exceed \$65,000. from the CNR account. Discussion ensued. Vote, First Selectman Carter and Selectman Terzian in favor, Selectman Straiton opposed. Motion carries.

Consideration of CT General Statutes 12-146a and 146b when issuing and renewing licenses:

Town Counsel O'Brien gave an overview of the process currently in place relating to licensing a Food Establishment who is behind in payment of taxes. Discussion ensued. Selectman Terzian suggested not issuing a license if the party was two years behind in taxes instead of one year behind. Discussion ensued. Selectman Terzian made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, for the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Bethel Health Department to refuse to issue permits if a business is delinquent in taxes for not less than 2 years as determined by the Bethel Tax Collector. Vote, Selectmen Terzian and Straiton, in favor and First Selectman Carter was opposed. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to add to the agenda: Consideration of taking \$500,000. from ARPA funds toward the purchase of the fire truck for Stony Hill Fire Department that was approved at the referendum. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

New Business:

Consideration of Public Works contract for sidewalk improvements on Durant Avenue and Wooster Street:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to authorize Daniel E. Carter, as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, to execute, subject to Town Counsel review, the public works contract between the Town of Bethel and T.D. and Sons, Inc. for construction of the sidewalk improvements on Durant Avenue and Wooster Street and, to authorize any other acts or actions as reasonably necessary, including execution of contract revisions, modifications and change orders, which he may deem appropriate to facilitate the purposes for which the said contract was intended. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of HVAC contract:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to authorize Daniel E. Carter, as the First Selectman of the Town of Bethel, to execute, subject to Town Counsel review, the construction contract between the Town of Bethel and McKenney Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for AHX-1 Replacement at Bethel High School, and, to authorize any other acts or actions as reasonably necessary, including execution of contract revisions, modifications and change orders, which he may deem appropriate to facilitate the purposes for which the said contract was intended. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of easement on Phase One of Benedict and Millbrook Roads Project:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to table this item. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of taking \$500,000. from ARPA funds toward the purchase of the fire truck for Stony Hill Fire Department that was approved at the referendum:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to take \$500,000. from ARPA funds to put toward the purchase of the fire truck for SHFD. Discussion ensued. Selectman Straiton amended the motion to take \$504,000. from ARPA funds towards the purchase of a fire truck and \$4000. for an aluminum cap for the new Chief's vehicle. Discussion ensued. Selectman Straiton withdrew his motion. The original motion stands. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

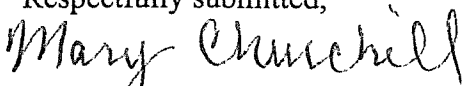
Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to authorize Daniel E. Carter, as First Selectman of the Town of Bethel to execute, subject to Town Counsel review, the contract between the Town of Bethel and FireMatic, Inc. for the Pierce ladder truck for Stony Hill Fire Department and to authorize any other acts or actions as reasonably necessary, including execution of contract revisions, modifications and change orders, which may deem appropriate to facilitate the purposes for which the said contract was intended. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration and discussion of purchase of 159 Greenwood Avenue. Executive Session Expected:

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to table this item. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary