

A regular meeting of the Town Council held for the Town of Scituate on Thursday, August 9, 2007 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate was called to order at 7:31 PM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll. Roll call vote as follows:

Councilman Salisbury --absent	Councilman Collins -- present
Councilman D'Agostino – present	Councilwoman Knowlton--absent
Councilman Winfield -- present	Council Vice-President Farrar --present
Council President Budway – present	

Councilman Salisbury arrived at 8:10 PM.

The first item on the agenda was the discussion of the promotion of Stephen Lang to the rank of Captain.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by a unanimous vote to approve the promotion of Stephen Lang to the rank of captain and to have the actual promotion ceremonies at the September Council meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by a roll call vote to open the Public Hearing.

Councilman Collins-aye	
Councilman Winfield--aye	Council Vice-President Farrar--aye
Council President Budway—aye	Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Motion passes; Public Hearing for the second reading of Outdoor Entertainment Ordinance is open.

Councilman Winfield recused himself from this item.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar, and voted by consent agreement to dispense with the reading to approve the second reading of said ordinance. (copy attached)

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by a roll call vote to close the Public Hearing.

Councilman D'Agostino-aye	
Councilman Winfield-aye	Council Vice-President Farrar-aye
Council President Budway-aye	Councilman Collins-aye

Motion passes the Public Hearing is closed.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the July 17, 2007 Town Council minutes.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of June 14, 2007.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to table the minutes of the closed session of July 12, 2007.

During Department reports, Town Clerk Long wanted to inform the Council that the entire staff of Town Hall has worked very hard to clean the basement. She especially wanted to thank the Treasurer's Office staff since they had the most items in the basement needing to be discarded.

Council President Budway said that this is the start of the basement project. He said that Town Clerk Long has given him a proposal for the shredding services that need to be performed on some of the remaining paperwork that can not be discarded at the land fill. He also said that now he would like to fix up the basement, to make it a better storage area.

Richard Iverson, Director of Public Works said that he and David Provonsil have done the specifications for the new mechanic's garage. He said that he will be advertising the bid on August 15, 2007 and the bids will be opened on August 29, 2007.

David Provonsil said that he would like to thank the young man that helped with the basement cleanup. He said that Nick Charron was a big help and a great kid. He also wanted to inform the Council that the West Warwick Sewer Authority has sent a new inter-municipal agreement that will need to be signed. He said that he has given a copy to the Town Solicitor to review prior to the Town Council President signing it. He said that if the Council has any problem or concerns with the proposed agreement, please contact him.

Chief Mack said that Sergeant Hawkins interrupted a break in progress today on Westcott Road.

Councilman Winfield asked the Chief if the Police Officers have been trained in the detention of illegal aliens.

Chief Mack said that they have been.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to place and file all departmental reports.

During audience participation, Curtis Lotter of Trimtown Road asked about the agenda item in regards to Beacon Mutual.

Council President Budway said that it had to do with the administration of the IOD (injured on duty) insurance for the members of the Police Department.

Mr. Lotter asked when the IOD insurance went into effect for the Public Works Department.

Mr. Iverson said the members of the Public Works Department have been covered since May 2007.

Mr. Lotter asked why the members of the Public Works Department were never notified about this new coverage.

Council President Budway said that everything that the Council does is in open session and that the Council tries to equalize the benefits from department to department.

Richard Petching of Westcott Road asked if the Police Department could try to enforce the no-thru trucking signs on Westcott Road. He said that today very large trucks were traveling on the road and when they went around a corner, they spilled a lot

of macadam on the road. He said that if a car, walker or jogger were coming around the same corner there would have been a very serious accident.

Richard Iverson said that the State was resurfacing Rockland Road, and that is why there were so many trucks on Westcott Road.

Council President Budway asked if Mr. Iverson knew of any other projects in the near future.

Richard Iverson said no, but he will check to make sure.

Chief Mack said that he will tell his men about the complaint.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the Tax Assessors abatements in the amount of \$4,493.52 and additions in the amount of \$2,299.31.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to appoint Christine Marrapese to the Juvenile Hearing Board for a term expiring July 2008.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to allow the Baptist Church to have 8 spots for the Art Festival weekend on their property. They said that none of the licenses can be for additional food vendors.

Discussion followed about the issuance of a food license for the Scituate Foster Little league to sell Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

Council President Budway reviewed with the Town Council about the ordinance pertaining to the Art Festival. He said that there is a defined district established by the Zoning Board, and that in those Art Festival District property owners can rent out spaces. He said that in this area no new food licenses can be issued. He said that this is because the Town wants the Art Festival Committee to have the food in the food court so that the proceeds will stay with the non-profit organizations in Town.

Council President Budway said that he approached Chris Calori, President of the Art Festival Committee. Mr. Calori said that there is no room in the food vending area for another nonprofit organization.

Council President Budway said that if someone backs out and doesn't use their spot in the food court, maybe there can be a lottery for other non-profits in Town to see who the spot will go to.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar to deny the issuance of a food license to the Scituate Foster Little League.

Council Vice-President Farrar suggested that they might want to check with the Art festival Committee to see if anyone has dropped out.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino, seconded by Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to approve the increase in the parking fines as recommended by Chief Mack.

Chief Mack said that he also recommends the renewal of the IOD contract with Beacon Mutual Insurance. He said that the \$4500.00 per year is money well spent.

Councilman Salisbury asked what the previous term of the contract was for.

Chief Mack said that it was for a one year term.

Councilman Salisbury suggests that the Town put this item out to bid at the next renewal.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to renew the contract for the IOD insurance for the Police Officers.

Richard Tucker, Director of Emergency Services, told the Council that as of July 2007 all of the Emergency personnel need to have a standardized identification card. He said that he has already purchased the computer and the software to produce these Id's in Town. He purchased them with a grant. He said that there are 3 things that have to be on the card per the federal Government.

1. digital image
2. expiration date
3. allergens and blood type

Mr. Tucker said that since we have all of the materials already he wanted to know if the Council would like to have these id's issued to all Town employees.

Councilman Winfield said that he thinks that is a sensible idea. He asked what would have to be changed on the id for the non EMS Town Employees.

Motion made by Councilman Collins, seconded by Council Vice-President Farrar and voted by consent agreement to authorize Richard Tucker to set up a plan for all Town employees to be issued a standardized photo identification card.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded Councilman Collins and voted by consent agreement to pay early expenses of \$295,425.66 regular Council expenses of \$21,729.27 and supplemental Council expenses of \$69,887.58, for a total of \$387,042.51.

Council President Budway wanted to thank the employees at the Town Hall and Public Works Department for all of the hard work they did in the cleaning of the basement at the Town Hall.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Farrar, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 8:45 PM, and to keep the minutes of the meeting previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

Please refer to electronic tape for complete discussions.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk