

A special meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 Town in the Council Chambers and was called to order at 7:30 PM. Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll:

Councilman Farrar- present

Councilman Hanna - present

Councilwoman Frederickson-present Councilman D'Agostino - present

Councilman Winfield – arrived 7:31 PM Council Vice-President Collins-present

Council President Budway – present

Building Official Provonsil explained to the Council that the contractor for the renovations of Tasca Field have submitted a request for partial payment. He explained that he calculated how much work they have done and is asking the Council for a partial payment in the amount of \$56,505. He said that this number represents 32.7 % of the total contract price.

Councilman Farrar asked if the DEM grant will reimburse us prior to the job being completed.

Mr. Provonsil said that they will.

Councilman Farrar asked what is being done with the extra loan from Tasca field.

Mr. Provonsil said that he and Public Works Director Langlais have some ideas. He said that he is not sure how much will be left once it is screened.

Mr. Langlais said that he will bring it to the Council once he has made a decision because it is Town property.

Councilman Frederickson asked what the contractor is doing for dust control.

Mr. Provonsil said that they are using water and no chemicals

Mr. Provonsil explained to the Council how he figured out the billing cycle.

Council Vice-President Collins asked how much of the job is actually completed.

Mr. Provonsil said that at this time it is approximately 45% completed.

Councilman Winfield asked Town Treasurer Przybyla if we usually do partial payments.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that we have done it in the past and has no problem with it.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by a roll call vote to authorize payment to the contractor for Tasca field renovations as Building Official Provonsil recommendation in the amount of \$56, 505.00.

Councilwoman Frederickson-aye

Councilman Hanna-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice-President Collins-aye

Motion passes.

Colonel Randall explained the next agenda item. He said that the Police Station was struck by lightening last month. He said that the majority of work was done on the radio boxes within the first 2-3 days. He said that it was a small company and the bill is \$22,000.

Council President Budway said that this was an emergency situation. He said that he received a call from the Deputy Chief of Hope Jackson Fire Station and he asked to have this payment expedited. He said that the work has been completed and hopefully we will get the money back from the Trust.

The question was asked of Colonel Randall how much money has been spent to date.

He said \$100,000 in projected expenses. He said that a lot of the cost was in consulting fees. He said that the consultant is keeping the department afloat. He said that it is a daily battle, and that everything should be completed by October.

Council President Budway asked where the \$100,000 comes from, what was it expended on. He also asked if everything will be covered by the Trust.

Colonel Randall said that Frank Rainey from the Trust came up with that estimate.

Council President Budway said that he as concerned about the price and spending money that we might not need to spend.

Councilman Farrar asked if there has been an independent person to review the scope of the job.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that he would prefer to have the Trust tell us in writing what is being covered.

Council President Budway suggested that Town Treasurer Przybyla, Town Solicitor D'Agostino, Colonel Randall and himself sit down with a representative of the Trust and to make sure that the claim is covered. He said that then Town Solicitor D'Agostino can write it up to make sure we cover all of our bases.

Council President Budway asked if we are at the point of readiness to step back and put the rest of the job out to bid.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that he thought the Trust would have sent out an independent consultant to evaluate the system and the claim.

Councilman D'Agostino said that the Trust should have sent out an insurance adjuster.

Colonel Randall said that the board (communications) that was destroyed was originally purchased by the FEB, but since it is stored in a Town building our insurance will cover it.

Town Treasurer Przybyla asked Colonel Randall how much extra has been expended to this point.

Colonel Randall said about \$25,000 and most of it is for the consultant.

Councilman Winfield asked if we have to continue the work.

Colonel Randall said that he works about 8 hours a day, but not every day.

Council President Budway asked who the person is and what company is he from.

Colonel Randall said that it is Joe Chicarelli and he works independently.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that it has been a long time for it not to be fixed yet.

Council President Budway said that Colonel Randall should cease immediately Mr. Chicarelli's involvement. He said that we should have an assessment done and have another set of eyes look at the situation. He said that they should identify the scope of the repairs and get estimates from companies.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that we should identify a technology firm that can come in and do an assessment. He asked why we don't have the information backed up off site. He said that we were remiss not to have another server off site to back up the information.

Councilman Winfield asked how old was the sever.

Colonel Randall said that it was six years old.

President Budway said that the dollar amount of the damage has come to him as a surprise this evening.

Councilman Farrar said that the Council should have been better informed about this situation. He said that the Chief took on so much responsibility himself. He said that we should have a policy with technology surveys being completed on a regular basis.

Motion made by Councilman Farrar, seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and voted by a roll call to authorize the Town Solicitor to submit a bill to the Trust for payment and upon receipt endorse it over to the vendor.

Councilwoman Frederickson-aye

Councilman Hanna-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice-President Collins-aye

Motion passes.

Motion made by Councilman Farrar, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by a roll call vote to ratify the directive of April 9, 2009 regarding the sale of property on Hope Furnace Road. The property is to be sold for \$6,000 with a bargain and sale deed.

Councilwoman Frederickson-aye

Councilman Hanna-aye

Councilman D'Agostino-aye

Councilman Farrar-aye

Council President Budway-aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice-President Collins-aye

Motion passes.

During Council remarks, Councilman Farrar said that the renovations on the High School are progressing well and school will start on time even though the whole project will not be completed until late October. He said that they are planning on using it after the Christmas break. He said that he wants to publicly thank Steve Gormley for a job well done.

Councilman Hanna said that it will be a hard budget year next year and that we have to watch our expenses very carefully.

Councilman Winfield said that he too is concerned with the upcoming budget and curtailing expenses. He said that he was somewhat concerned to hear about the damages to the Police station from a resident and not the administration.

Councilwoman Frederickson asked Council President Budway when he was going to make the determination which Council member will be handling each department for the upcoming budget sessions.

Council President Budway said that he will be calling all Council members and asking what department they would like to handle.

Council Vice-President Collins said that he is shocked at the amount of money spent at the Police Station.

Council President Budway asked for a moment of silence for the late Senator Edward Kennedy. He said that he was a dedicated public servant for decades.

Motion made by Councilman D'Agostino seconded by Council Vice-President Collins and voted by roll call to adjourn to closed session at 9 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (A)2- pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation concerning organizational efforts of some volunteers and to allow Town Clerk Long, Town Treasurer Przybyla and Town Solicitor D'Agostino attend.

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

Motion passes.

Open session reconvened at 10:24 PM

Motion made by Council vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted to approve the vote in Closed session to allocate the amount of \$112.50 and \$262.50 to be divided by North Scituate, Hope Jackson and Potterville Fire Stations for the payment of legal bills.

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

Motion passes.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman D'Agostino and voted by consent agreement to adjourn at 10:25 PM and to keep the minutes of the meetings previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and to allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

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

Motion passes.

For complete discussion, refer to audiotape.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long, Town Clerk