



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
48 HIGH STREET
WARREN, MASSACHUSETTS 01083

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 30, 2020

PRESENT: Mr. John A. Nason; Chairman, Mr. Marc Richard; Vice-Chairman and Mr. David Dufresne, Clerk

ABSENT:

ATTENDEES: See attached list

Opened the Meeting at 7:17 PM

Mr. Nason opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this meeting is being video/audio taped and will be rebroadcast following the meeting.

MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of December 10, 2020, as written, made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Nason, Mr. Richard abstained – AIF.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant #49 Payroll \$44,897.50, Warrant #50 Vendor \$112,788.04, Warrant #51 Payroll \$35,541.71, and Warrant #52 Vendor \$29,737.86 respectively made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – AIF.

AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS

Motion to approve the 1st Quarter FY21 Ambulance Abatement submitted by the Fire Chief made by Mr. Dufresne; second by Mr. Richard – AIF.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint Brenda J. Church as the new Building Inspector and Richard Demetrius to the Veteran's Council made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – AIF.

2021 LICENSE RENEWALS (Common Victualler, Motor Vehicle I, II, & III and ABCC Liquor Licenses)

Motion to approve and sign the 2021 License renewals as presented made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – AIF.

PRORATE/REFUND – FEES PAID – Discussion on prorating the license fees to businesses in town affected by the covid-19 pandemic. The Board is in favor of issuing discounts or cutting fees – input from other departments (Accounting, Treasurer, Tax Collector) will be considered in deciding on the amounts. As long as no negative feedback from other Departments, o.k. to prorate license fees.

STM ARTICLES

Mr. Nason read off proposed Must Haves for STM Articles. BOS working meeting to be scheduled for January 7, 2021 to go over all Article requests. Mr. Richard stated that we need permission from the Governor and then 30 days for the meeting to take place. Mr. Dufresne stated that the meeting will have to take place in person. Once Articles and date of STM are determined, BOH will need to be contacted for guidance and limitations pertaining to covid-19. Mr. Nason

suggested reaching out to Town Clerk for advice on how to legally and safely hold the STM without creating a hotspot spread.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received notice of an \$18,404 Grant award in Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. to the Police Department from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research (OGR). This opportunity is intended for local police departments to address their law enforcement and criminal justice related needs.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Town approved the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vehicle Storage Authorization Form for the Department of Agricultural Resources Office of Vehicle Management, to allow permission for Deven J. Chiasson to park his state vehicle during off-duty hours at the Shepard Building. The vehicle will be parked in the back parking lot at 48 High Street and the Town incurs no liability whatsoever by allowing this vehicle to be stored at this location.

Fire Chief Lavoie and Police Chief Millette stated that the new generator contractor Power Products is very responsive, and they are looking forward to this new contractor relationship. Notices were sent to the old contractor to stop service. Fire Chief Lavoie stated that recently two fire trucks were repaired within budget. The generator at Station B is now running and operational.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Fire Chief Lavoie stated that an anonymous family recently donated a new flag and flag pole at the PD. The old flag was worn out and the flag pole recently broke in half. Thank you to the anonymous donor.

Mr. Richard stated that the bell tower recently was rewired and now has red and green lights for the Christmas season; the 2nd week of January Mr. Richard will replace with white bulbs. The bell tower was recently repainted and new screens were installed to keep out pigeons, at no cost to the town.

Mr. Richard sent a shout out to Becky Acerra, Sharon Meli and the staff at the Council on Aging for their efforts and volunteer work at the senior center delivering Christmas dinners to vulnerable residents in need. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Richard wanted to thank three businesses in town for donating money and prizes for raffle gifts at the senior center: Village Market, Mason's Grille and Warren Spa (old Cash Market location). The seniors love their raffles and greatly appreciate the generosity of the business's contributions.

Next Meeting Date: Working Meeting to be held Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6:00 PM, Shepard Municipal Building, unless otherwise posted.

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – AIF.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Clowes
Administrative Secretary

David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk