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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY & TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF NORTH BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Anthony Candelora called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Anthony Candelora, Deputy Mayor Michael Doody, Councilor Rose Angeloni, Councilor Andrew Esposito, Councilor Joseph Faughnan, Councilor Donald Fucci II, Councilor Alfred Rose. Also present were Town Manager Richard V. Branigan and Town Attorney John Gesmonde.

ABSENT: Councilor Vincent Caprio
Councilor Wentworth arrived at 7:10 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

a. September 20, 2011 – Special WPCA & Regular Town Council Meeting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Doody moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to accept the minutes of September 20, 2011 Special Water Pollution Control Authority & Regular Town Council Meeting.

VOTE: Passed 6-0 in a roll call vote with one abstention.

ABSTAIN: Councilor Fucci

b. October 4, 2011- Special Meeting Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Angeloni moved, seconded by Councilor Faughnan to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Special Meeting Town Council Meeting.

VOTE: Passed 5-0 in a roll call vote with 2 abstentions.

ABSTAIN: Councilor Esposito and Councilor Fucci

c. October 4, 2011- Regular Water Pollution Control & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Angeloni moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doody to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Regular Water Pollution Control & Town Council Meeting.

VOTE: Passed 6-0 in a roll call vote with one abstention.

ABSTAIN: Councilor Fucci



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Councilor Wentworth arrived at 7:10 p.m.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AGENDA:

3. Reports of Committees, Boards and Commissions:

a. Finance Sub-Committee- Councilor Angeloni reported that the sub-committee met last Wednesday October 12, there was discussion regarding funding for police cars. There is still no announcement on the additional steep grant for the community the senior center renovation. With regard to the BOE account balances, the town was paid for the FRC building. There will be a possible contingency transfer in regard to the Augur house for work that has been done.

b. Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee- The town manager reported that he attended last week's meeting. The committee was pleased with the adoption of the recycling ordinance. There will be a recommendation coming to the council regarding forming a solid waste sub-committee of the town council.

c. Permanent Project Building Committee- The town manager reported that the next meeting will be on Monday October 24th.

4. Town Manager's Report:

The town manager met with representatives from UI regarding a possible \$2,500 grant that will be coming to the town as a result of the storm. There has been discussion about a recommendation that the town provide generator capability for Hillside Senior Housing. There is a possibility for purchasing a connection and a portable generator with this money. At some point it should be added to the town council agenda.

NBIS- There was a meeting regarding the building envelope issues. It was well attended with representatives of the school, the design team and the construction attorney. They are trying to attend to the last 5 to 6 building leak issues. There will be a meeting this Friday with the project team to go over the application that will be submitted to the state to seek reimbursement.

The town is awaiting final contracts from Nafis and Young for the Swajchuk Project and the Salamone Associates for the Stanley T. Williams Project.

Kurt Weiss has been following up with the DEEP on the Clear Lake Road water service. There has been no action from the state DEEP. The town has been in touch with State

Representatives who have made calls. Richard Branigan will move up on the chain of command within DEEP.

Storm Irene clean up. The town is waiting for disposal of the brush pile and will make a wood chip pile, which will be available for town residents.

Bond Refunding- The Town Manager presented a spreadsheet on the Debt Service refunding showing the savings to the town.

FEMA emergency operations Center Grant. For FY2011, the town made a submission and was ranked third. Only the top two were funded. The town plans on submitting again hoping to be one of the top two.

5. Community Events and Presentations:

- a. Totoket Historical Society – Proposed Clock for the Historical Society/Atwater Library Site.

Mr. Gene McMullen representing the Totoket Historical Society updated the council on the clock tower project for the Historical Society. The cost for the original clock design was over \$100,000. Since they have raised \$8,500.00 to date they feel they will not be able to raise the needed funds and are seeking other clocks that are closer to their budget. The new design is too small of a scale to put in the original location. They would like to move it to the space between the library and the Historical Society.

Mr. Robert Gregan gave an overview of what the clock would look like in the new space presenting a design plan.

6. Citizens' Statements and Petitions and Correspondence:

Suzanne Kolanowski-Parsonage Hill Road- Spoke regarding the clock tower. She stated that although deserving the library is not the place for memorials. She is also concerned about maintenance.

Robert Gregan spoke again about the positive reasons for the clock tower.

Jeff Lewis of the Verdin Company – the clock manufacturer spoke regarding the maintenance schedule of the clock, stating that there is very little maintenance that would be required and the company offers great support.

Roger Munck- Walnut Lane, spoke regarding the need of tax relief more than a clock. He also feels that the potential senior tax relief has been put on hold and would like to move forward with it soon.

Robert Gregan spoke again regarding an additional clock at the town hall to be part of a community project where all the towns' people would donate and contribute to a historical piece for the town.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA:

7. Resignations and Appointments:

- a. Resignation- Lou Paternoster Park and Recreation Commission effective 10/21/2011.

MOTION: Councilor Angeloni moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doody to accept the resignation of Lou Paternoster with regret from the Park and Recreation Commission.

VOTE: passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

8. Unfinished Business: Discussion and Action Re:

- a. Charter Revision

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to table the Charter Revision until the January 3, 2012 meeting.

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

- b. Town Auditor – Levistsky & Berney, PC

David Capelletti addressed the council beginning with some history of past audits and the recommendations he gave on both the BOE side and the town side. Mr. Capelletti answered all questions regarding BOE practices both past and present. He will look into any questions that he could not directly answer during the meeting and get back to the council.

- c. Potato Festival Financial Summary

Anthony Esposito gave a snap shot of this year's festival. There are some bills outstanding but there should be firm numbers in by next month.

- d. Capital Improvements Plan FY2011-12 through FY 2016-17

MOTION: Deputy Mayor moved, seconded by Councilor Fucci to approve the attached resolution. (attachment 1)

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

- e. Vehicle Use Policy

The town manager, at the request of the council presented information to the council regarding the Police Commission Vehicle Use Policy. There was discussion on what constitutes unfair labor practices. There was discussion regarding whether the Police Commission should have amended a policy that was enacted by the town council. Attorney

Gesmonde stated that he would look into this action. Attorney Manameit, representing the Police Union explained that because the Lieutenant has enjoyed the benefit of using his vehicle for a number of years, it creates a past practice scenario.

f. North Branford High School Roof

The town manager spoke regarding the high school roof. As decided, this will be kept on the agenda until completely resolved. There has been correspondence on ED049 between the town manager and town superintendent along with Representative Candelora. There is an issue with the large roof draining to the smaller roof. There is ongoing discussion as to how to rectify this problem. Bill Choti, buildings maintenance, spoke to the council regarding how these problems occurred with the roof repair.

9. New Business: Discussion and Action Re:
a. Affirmative Action Policy Statement - Resolution.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Doody moved, seconded by Councilor Angeloni to approve the attached proposed motion. (attachment 2)
VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

b. Fair Housing – Resolution

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to approve the attached Resolution. (attachment 3)
VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

c. DEMHS Region 2 – Resolution for FY2011

MOTION: Councilor Faughnan moved, seconded by Councilor Angeloni to adopt the attached Resolution. (attachment 4)
VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

d. Police Department Vehicle Leasing Options

Chief Canelli presented the board with a new option to replace the older police vehicles. Lieutenant David D'Ancicco gave a power point presentation explaining the option of leasing to obtain new vehicles for the Police Department. He offered different options available.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Doody moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth to approve three police vehicles for a four-year lease and within that four years there should be no other purchases and these would be fully marked patrol vehicles.

Councilor Wentworth withdrew her second from the above motion.

There was detailed discussion regarding price difference, leasing options, equipment changes and which way to go forward with this motion.

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to approve four Crown Victoria cars for patrol car use for a four-year lease.

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

e. Request for Consideration of Property Review/Exchange – Proposed Motion (Referral to Town Attorney’s Office)

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doody to approve the attached motion. (attachment 5)

VOTE: Passed 7-0 in a roll call vote with one abstention.

ABSTAIN: Councilor Rose

f. Financial Report for September 30, 2011

Anthony Esposito reported that the financial report is unremarkable. (attachment 6)

g. Tax Refunds for September 2011.

MOTION: Councilor Faughnan moved, seconded by Council Fucci to approve the attached tax refunds. (attachment 7)

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

10. Citizens’ Statements and Petitions:

Cliff Potter, 1251 Middletown Avenue, thanked the council for all their hard work.

Tony DeLuise representing the North Branford Police Union, thanked the council for their support by approving the new lease option.

MOTION: Councilor Fucci moved, seconded by Deputy Mayor Doody to adjourn to executive session – 1-200(6)(b) Pending Claims

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

11. Executive Session-1-200(6)(b) pending claims

Mayor Candelora reconvened the regular town council meeting at 10:10 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: Councilor Esposito moved, seconded by Councilor Fucci to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Caruso

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Town Council Clerk