

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Melissa Engel, Vice Chairman Mark Philhower, Council Members Pete Brown, Tim Feegel, Dean Markham, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (7-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 24, 2018 as written. Voted (7-0)

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Adoption of Fair Housing Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution as written. Voted (7-0)

Continued Business

None

New Business

2018/2019 Public Water System Operating Budget & Water Rate Recommendation

Tim Smith, Public Utilities Administrator, provided an overview of the memo for the 2018/2019 Public Water System Operating Budget & Water Rate Recommendation. The memo will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office. There was a discussion of why the WPCA board chose to not increase the fees since the recommended budget shows an increase of 4.33%. Council would like to invite the WPCA to attend the May 22nd meeting to discuss the proposed budget.

Discussion & Possible Action on Use of Reverse 911 System for Notification of Change in Location for Budget Vote

State Statute only allows the Chief Executive Officer of the Town to use the reverse 911 system related to a vote for the notification of the location, the time, the date and the subject of the vote. After the passing of that Statute, the Town Council created a policy indicating the system would only be used for emergencies unless they vote to allow the usage. The Council discussed whether they would like the Town Manager to be able to use the system to provide an update to the voting location of the Middle School for the upcoming budget vote. It was decided to keep the system to emergency use only.

Recognition and Dissolution of Water Development Task Force

With the completion of the final presentation by the Water Development Task Force the Council would like to thank the group and sunset them. In the future, the Council could create an Implementation Task Force.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to sunset the Water Development Task Force and send each member a thank you for their service and time. Voted (7-0)

Town Manager Report

Appointments to Town Cemetery Board

Mr. Maniscalco reappointed Theresa Latimer, Jack Lanzi, Nikki O'Neill and Dennis Wall to the Town Cemetery Board with terms through April 30, 2023.

State Revenue Projections

The current session ends at midnight on May 9th. There is the possibility of a large deficit and they may move into a special session.

Update on Fuel Island

There was an issue with the contractor wanting to install a smaller concrete pad than that in the plans. They are working with the contractor to work out the situation. The State may be more lenient on the timeframe for completion as the project is underway.

Update on Police Radios

Prior to the departure of Chief Cox he had hired a professional to review the radio backbone and recommend a solution for Fire, EMS and Police. The report was provided to the Town Manager's office last week. Chief Woessner has reviewed it and is working on the next steps to get firm pricing in place so the request for funding can be in the next budget.

Update on Library Roof

The Town Manager has spoken with Anchor Engineering regarding the best solution for the library roof. He verbally recommended a new roof system be built over top of the existing roof system. Prices on that solution are significantly more than what is in capital. There will be a meeting with the Town Manager, Anchor Engineering, the Public Works Director, Finance Director and Building Inspector on Friday to review the issue.

It was requested by Council to have Anchor Engineering attend the next meeting for a presentation on the Library roof.

Update on Permit Turnaround Time

A memo was provided to Council on average permit turnaround times.

A memo was received from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the TIF district. This item will be included on the June 12th agenda.

Tim Smith, Public Utilities Administrator will be invited to the June 12th meeting to discuss water options.

Budget vote signs are going up around town this today and tomorrow.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Piteo, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$912.98. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

April Board and Commission Summary

The Council was provided a copy of the April Board and Commission summary.

Mr. Brown asked why the senior housing has no free wifi for the seniors.

Ms. Engel would like zoning regarding Airbnb's to be included on the May 22nd agenda. She noted a nearby town has done some zoning on these businesses.

Reminder – Vote on May 15th at the Middle School.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Markham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk