

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 27, 2017
East Hampton Middle School Library

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Patience Anderson, Vice Chairperson Ted Hintz, Council Members Melissa Engel and Mark Philhower, and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco

Not Present: Council Members Pete Brown, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Hintz, seconded by Councilor Engel, to adopt the agenda. Voted (4-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Engel, seconded by Councilor Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017 and the Special Meeting of June 20, 2017. Voted (4-0) in favor.

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

Deb Robinson, 39 Jacobson Farm Road, asked if the Council had named a municipal liaison for the Epoch Arts Neighborhood Assistance Act Project and reminded the Council that the application needs to be submitted by July 1, 2017. (Town Manager Maniscalco will be acting as the liaison)

Karen Johansmeyer of Portland Fife & Drum Corps stated that she is excited to participate in East Hampton's 250th Anniversary celebration and she is hoping to see the East Hampton 3rd CT regiment of fifers & drummers return to the town.

Bids & Contracts

Purchase of Police Vehicle

Vice Chairman Hintz moved and Councilor Philhower seconded to award the bid off state contract #12PSX0194 to MHQ of 401 Elm St., Marlborough, MA for the purchase of vehicles and to authorize the supplemental graphics and equipment expenditures not to exceed \$70,000.00. Voted (4-0) in favor.

Discussion: Councilor Philhower asked for a list of all rolling stock. Vice Chair asked if the grey Malibu was still in service to which Mr. Maniscalco responded in the affirmative.

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations:

Discussion and Possible Approval of Fracking Waste Ordinance

Vice Chairman Hintz made a motion to approve the Fracking Waste Ordinance; second by Councilor Philhower. Voted (4-0) in favor.

Continued Business

Discussion & Possible Approval of Epoch Arts Neighborhood Assistance Act Project

A motion was made by Councilor Engel, seconded by Councilor Philhower, to approve the submission of paperwork for the Epoch Arts Neighborhood Assistance Act Grant. Voted (4-0) in favor.

Discussion: Vice Chairman Hintz voiced concern that the Town is supporting one nonprofit only. This led to a discussion on the certified local government program, and a request that the Town contact other communities to learn of the costs associated with this. Mr. DeCarli will work on gathering this information and this item will be on the agenda of the July 11 meeting.

Update on 250th Anniversary

Mr. Piteo was not present to give an update. Mr. Maniscalco stated that a granite marker had been donated by Tom Portelance of Spencer's and placed at the 250th anniversary Elm tree that was planted at Sears Park.

New Business

None

Town Manager Report

State Revenue Projections

Mr. Maniscalco gave the Council a document of the Governor's principles for a temporary state budget. He also emailed them with specifics on reductions in ECS and MRSF funding. As of now the worst case scenario is reduction in revenue to East Hampton of \$2,639,833. This will change at some point when the legislature passes a budget. Chairperson Anderson noted that State Rep. Ziobron was conducting a community information session this evening at Abbeez, and she offered to attend the next Council meeting to speak about the budget if the Council so chooses. Councilor Philhower asked about the drop dead date for supplemental tax bills if needed; Mr. Maniscalco stated he would speak with Mr. Jylkka to get the answer.

Appointments/Reappointments – Brownfields Redevelopment Agency & Conservation-Lake Commission

Mary Ann Dostaler was reappointed to the Brownfields Redevelopment Agency, term ending 6/30/2022.

Nancy Hasselman (full member) and Danielle Holmes (alternate member) were appointed to the Conservation-Lake Commission with terms ending 6/30/2021.

RFP for Engineer

Mr. Maniscalco requested two Councilors to participate in interviews. The RFPs will be returned Thursday.

FY 17/18 Capital Budget

Public Works is looking for a paving box, which was cut from the Capital budget. However, there is about \$90,000 in an equipment sinking fund that can be used partially to fund this item. The paving box will most likely be financed and options for purchasing a used paving box are being explored.

Update on Christopher Brook

There is an estimated overage of about \$8,000. The Town is looking to use funds from Public Works.

Update on Gypsy Moths & Nitrogen Levels

Increased levels of gypsy moth excrement can cause increased nitrogen levels in the lake. Extra street sweeping will occur in an effort to address this.

Other

Mr. Maniscalco received a letter from Middletown Mayor Dan Drew regarding the Middletown Area Transit (MAT) bus service, which runs to East Hampton. MAT is having serious financial problems and has requested an emergency manager from the DOT. Mr. Maniscalco held off from signing the annual contract and will be attending a meeting tomorrow to gather more information on the situation.

Councilor Philhower asked if the bridge project on Route 66 scheduled for summer 2018 was still on track. Mr. Maniscalco stated that it is now in the design phase.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Councilor Engel and seconded by Councilor Philhower to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$231.19. Voted (4-0)

Public Remarks

Karen Johansmeyer read a poem entitled "Don't Quit"; author unknown.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Engel and seconded by Councilor Philhower to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Eliza LoPresti
Recording Secretary