

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

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

Not Present: Kevin Reich

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Engel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown to adopt the agenda as written. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Special and Regular Meetings of June 25, 2019 as written. Voted (6-0)

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

Approval of Purchase of Police Vehicle

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford Utility Police Interceptor from MHQ, Inc. under State contract #12PSX0194 in the amount of \$34,519.40. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Purchase of Fire Chief Vehicle

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford Expedition 4x4 SUV from Gengras Ford, LLC under State contract #08PSX0174-Supplement #68 in the amount of \$38,097.20. Voted (6-0)

Approval of Purchase of Police Radios

The Public Safety Radio System project was approved at Town Meeting and will be accomplished via the issuance of bonds. Mr. Markham asked about the guarantee of 95% coverage of the town, asked that the Chief put in writing the need for a maintenance agreement beyond the one-year warranty and asked about the completion date. Chief Woessner indicated it is a 6 to 7 month total completion time once started.

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Brown, to approve the purchase of the public safety radio system from Motorola Solutions under State contract 16PSX0073 and Utility Communications under State contract 14PSX0073 as approved at Town Meeting and authorizing the Town Manager to sign the Communication System and Services Agreement and the Motorola Software License Agreement. Voted (6-0)

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Resolution for CT State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant

Each year the Town Clerk's office applies for a grant to the CT State Library Historic Documents Preservation Program. The grant is \$5,500 for the preservation of records. This year's project is to resize the binders and allow for new storage options.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the resolution for the State Library Historic Document Preservation Grant authorizing the Town Manager to execute a contract with the Connecticut State Library to receive grant funding for designated projects. Voted (6-0)

Revised Ordinance for Tax Abatement (Stipend) for Fire & Ambulance Personnel/Set Public Hearing Date

A draft revision to the Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel Ordinance was provided to Council. The recommendation is to change the tax abatement to a stipend for the qualified members. A Public Hearing needs to be held prior to approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to set a Public Hearing for July 23, 2019 at 6:15pm in the Town Hall Meeting Room to hear comments on proposed changes to the Exemption for Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Personnel Ordinance. Voted (6-0)

Continued Business

None

New Business

None

Appointments

Reappointments to Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to reappoint Scott Hill, Dean Kavalkovich and Peter Wall to the Inland Wetlands Watercourses Agency with a term through June 1, 2022. Voted (6-0)

Town Manager Report

For his last meeting as Town Manager, Mr. Maniscalco read a final Town Manager report and status update on the Town. The full letter will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$73.05. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Karen Johansmeyer, 16 Penny Corner Road, Portland, thanked the Town Manager and wished him well from the Fife & Drum Corps.

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**June Board and Commission Summary**

The June Board and Commission Summary was distributed to Council members.

Adjournment to a Farewell Celebration

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Voted (6-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk