

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
East Hampton High School T-Bell

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 6:00 p.m. in the High School T-Bell.

Swearing in of Police Chief Dennis Woessner

Town Manager Michael Maniscalco welcomed everyone and introduced Dennis Woessner as the new Police Chief. He thanked Interim Chief Tom Davoren for his assistance for the last few months. Chairperson Engel also welcomed everyone and thanked Chief Davoren. Police Chief Woessner was sworn in by Town Clerk Sandra Wieleba. Chief Woessner's wife Sherrill pinned the badge on her husband. Chief Woessner thanked everyone for attending, including several Police Chiefs and officers from other towns. Chief Woessner stated he was overwhelmed to be selected and it is an honor he does not take lightly.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018 as written. Voted (7-0)

Presentations

Water Development Task Force – Interconnection Study

Mark Barmasse, Chairman of the Water Development Task Force, and Tim Smith, Public Utilities Administrator, provided a review of the interconnection study prepared by the Water Task Force. The presentation slides will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

None

Continued Business

Set Town Meeting & Referendum Dates

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to set the Town Meeting date of Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00p.m. in the Middle School Library and the Referendum date of Tuesday, May 15, 2018 – location to be determined at the Town Meeting. Voted (6-1) Mr. Markham against.

Mr. Markham suggested waiting on setting the Town Meeting and Referendum dates until more information is received from the State regarding their budget, noting a possibility of funds coming back to the towns. Mr. Philhower stated if the town does receive additional funds from the State he would highly recommend the Board of Finance lower the mill rate based on the amount of funds.

Chairperson Engel noted that she received an email from Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith noting his concerns of having the referendum at the High School during a school day. He suggested possibly using the Middle School gymnasium again as there is less access to the rest of the school building when using the Middle School. This information will be given to the Registrar of Voters.

Steve Greco will be the moderator for the Town Meeting and referendum.

New Business

None

Town Manager Report

State Revenue Projections

No additional information

Extension of Lease for 205 East High Street – Police Parking

An addendum to extend the lease agreement for the police parking at 205 East High Street was received from the property owners. The rent increases \$250 per month. There hasn't been an increase in the rent for quite a while. The extension is also a month to month agreement.

Update on Fuel Island

Footings have been poured and the conduit completed.

Update on Town Hall/PD/BOE

The Design Development plans should be done any day. There will be a final review of those plans and a final pricing review will be completed. The OSTA permit is in to DOT.

Update on RFP for 1 Watrous Street

The RFP has been posted on the DAS website and responses are due by May 30th. A few people have called to inquire about the RFP.

Mr. Brown asked if the State is still planning on doing the project near Subway on the bridge. Mr. Maniscalco is unsure at this point.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$504.84. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements

Council members received an invitation to march in the Memorial Day Parade from the VFW.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk