

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
East Hampton Town Hall

MINUTES

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

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairwoman Melissa Engel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Councilor Philhower, seconded by Councilor Piteo, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting & Public Hearing of February 26, 2019. Voted (5-0-2). Chairwoman Melissa Engel and Councilor Reich abstained.

Presentations

None

Public Remarks

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolutions/Ordinances/Policies/Proclamations

Certified Resolution for Small Cities Grant Program

Councilor Reich moved to adopt the resolution to enable the Town to apply for the Small Cities grant program; seconded by Councilor Philhower. Voted (7-0).

Fair Housing Resolution

Councilor Reich moved to accept the Fair Housing resolution; seconded by Councilor Philhower. Voted (7-0).

Continued Business

None

New Business

Police Department General Order 3.6

Chief Woessner explained that the Post Officers Training Council amended the pursuit policy form and it will be consistent throughout all law enforcement agencies in Connecticut. This is merely a requirement to update the current General Orders to be consistent with the POST standards and the law. Additional language will be added as to how the form gets in and how it is submitted.

Chairwoman Engel asked for clarification of a policy regarding motorcycles. Chief Woessner explained that the policy mirrors the state police policy and whether it is worth continuing the pursuit. Councilor Piteo asked about whether off duty officers can engage in pursuits. Chief Woessner explained no because they must be in a clearly marked police cruiser. Chief Woessner further explained what an off-duty officer can do.

Councilor Reich moved to waive the second reading; seconded by Councilor Brown. Voted (7-0).

Councilor Reich moved to approve General Order 3.6; seconded by Councilor Brown. Voted (7-0).

201B West High Street Tax Abatement

Chairwoman Engel reminded this is a first read of this matter. Town Manager Maniscalco explained the Agreement dated April 25, 2017 in further detail. The project was not completed within a certain period of time which makes the agreement null and void. The town sees the project as a whole while the property owner feels each building allows for individual abatements. The property owner was unable to attend this meeting. Chairwoman Engel suggested putting this matter on the agenda at the next meeting. Town Manager Maniscalco asked councilors to forward questions to him before the next meeting.

Executive Session

Personnel – Town Manager

Councilor Brown moved to enter into Executive Session and include Town Manager Maniscalco; seconded by Councilor Philhower. Voted (7-0).

Possible Action on Executive Session

Chairwoman Engel moved to accept the resignation of Town Manager Maniscalco; seconded by Councilor Philhower. Voted (7-0).

Town Manager Report

Update Library Roof Project

Awaiting review of insurance policies and bonding. The town has the signed contract from the contractor and the project will hopefully start in the coming weeks.

Update on Inserts for Tax Bills

The cost was under \$3,000. There were separate notices due to statutory State language that must be included on the bills so there wasn't enough room and also so that it reached those whose taxes are escrowed and don't receive tax bills.

Update on RFP for Sale of Town Hall

Time has lapsed and there were no responses. A search for a commercial realtor will take place and both the Town Hall and 1 Watrous Street will be listed. There was a brief discussion regarding the Board of Education building.

Update on Town Hall/PD Project

Steel starting going up today and the first floor is almost done. The second floor beams are going across. The steel is expected to be completed in four weeks.

Update on Water

Town Manager Maniscalco sent letters to MDC, Aquarion, and Connecticut Water with a timeline. Proposals are due May 20, 2019.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Councilor Philhower and seconded by Councilor Reich to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$2,559.94. Voted (7-0)

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcements**February 2019 Board and Commission Summary**

The February 2019 Board and Commission Summary was provided to the Council.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Philhower and seconded by Councilor Reich to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Magro
Recording Secretary