

Town of East Hampton  
Town Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, June 22, 2021  
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Chairman Pete Brown, Vice Chairman Dean Markham, Council Members Tim Feegel, Derek Johnson, Barbara Moore, Mark Philhower and Kevin Reich and Town Manager David Cox

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Public Hearing**

**Neighborhood Assistance Act Application for Epoch Arts**

The CT Neighborhood Assistance Act is a tax credit program designed to provide funding for municipal and tax-exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses who make cash contributions to these entities.

Linda Schroth, 47 Spellman Point Road and Chairperson of the Epoch Arts Board of Directors spoke in support of the application and appreciates the Council's consideration of the application.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Mr. Reich to close the Public Hearing. Voted (7-0)

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of June 8, 2021 as written. Voted (7-0)

**Public Remarks**

None

**Presentations**

None

**Bids & Contracts**

None

**Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation**

**Resolution Authorizing a Lease-Purchase Financing to Finance Acquisition of Two Pierce Fire Tankers and Related Equipment**

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the resolution and financing information. The resolution will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the resolution authorizing a lease-purchase financing for the acquisition of two Pierce fire tankers and related equipment as presented. Voted (7-0)

### **Police Department General Orders**

#### **1) Biased Based Profiling**

#### **2) Pursuit Policy**

Police Chief Dennis Woessner provided an overview of the minor updates to the two General Orders.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to approve General Order 1.9 Bias Based Profiling and General Order 3.6 Pursuit Policy as presented. Voted (7-0)

### **Continued Business**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Discussion & Possible Approval of Epoch Arts Neighborhood Assistance Act Project**

Mr. Johnson informed the Council that he is on the Epoch Arts Board of Directors and would be recusing himself from this item on the agenda.

The CT Neighborhood Assistance Act is a tax credit program designed to provide funding for municipal and tax-exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses who make cash contributions to these entities.

A public hearing was held for this item earlier in this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Markham, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the submission of paperwork for the Epoch Arts 2021 Neighborhood Assistance Act project to the State of Connecticut. Voted (6-0). Mr. Johnson recused himself from this vote.

#### **Discussion & Possible Approval of RFQ for Water System Evaluation & Design**

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the RFQ for Water System Evaluation & Design. This RFQ seeks a qualified engineering firm to assist the Town in determining a course of action, preparing preliminary designs and providing assistance with funding applications for Town water system enhancements and expansions. One correction will be made in the RFQ on page 4, paragraph 3 – 500,000 will be changed to 700,000. The RFQ process will follow a qualifications-based selection as required by the State.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the RFQ for Water System Evaluation and Design as amended above. Voted (7-0)

### **Town Manager Report**

Mr. Cox provided an overview of his written report which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Cox also provided an update on the lake. Last week the Health department issued an advisory for the lake due to an algae bloom. It was not near the swim area and the toxicology report indicated

that it was not the type of cyanobacteria that causes severe problems. It was most likely due to the major rain and the heat. A BioBlast treatment has been started.

The paving on Route 196 should be completed in another day. They are done with the Village Center area and Summit Street should be completed on Wednesday. It only needs striping. After this area they will move over to Young Street toward Route 151.

Chip sealing in the White Birches has been delayed until after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The bricks in the Village Center that were undermined during the heavy rainstorm have been collected and are being stored at Public Works. The Director of Public Works will review the area and work on a new project to re-set the bricks that were washed out and possibly re-set the bricks in the other areas of the Village Center. Temporarily there will be asphalt where the bricks originally were set.

### **Appointments**

None

### **Tax Refunds**

A motion was made by Mr. Philhower, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$954.78. Voted (7-0)

### **Public Remarks**

None

### **Communications, Correspondence & Announcement**

None

### **Executive Session**

#### **1) Potential Purchase of Property**

#### **2) Discussion of Town Manager Performance Evaluation**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to enter Executive Session at 7:16pm. Voted (7-0). Mr. Cox will attend Executive Session for the first item.

Note – no action other than Adjournment will be taken following Execution Session.

Executive Session ended at 7:55pm.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Ms. Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk