

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Town Hall Council Chambers and Zoom

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Mark Philhower, Vice Chairman Tim Feegel, Council Members Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson, Kevin Reich and Alison Walck and Town Manager David Cox.

Not Present: Pete Brown

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Philhower 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. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adopt the agenda as presented. Voted (6-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve the minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022 as written. Voted (6-0)

Public Remarks

Bunny Simko, Long Hill Road, asked the Town Council to reconsider adding a liaison to the Housing Authority board and recommended the Housing Authority members be included in the August 8 FOIA Workshop.

Presentations

None

Bids & Contracts

None

Resolution/ Ordinances/ Policies/ Proclamation

None

Continued Business

Sub-Committee Reports & Updates

Mr. Reich reported for the High School Athletic Fields Committee that they are adding another irrigation zone for the fields. The tennis courts should be complete next week. The irrigation tank is complete, and the soccer field irrigation will run off that tank.

Mr. Goff reported that the Board of Education held a special meeting regarding having armed security guards at all of the schools. There was good attendance, and a survey was sent to parents.

Mr. Cox reported for the Water Sub-Committee that the well driller and testing will be done starting August 8 at Pinebrook and Cobalt. The project is under consideration for \$1.2 million from the State Bond Commission for continuing design efforts.

Discussion and Possible Action on Adult Use Cannabis Regulations

Ms. Walck noted she is opposed to the retail sale of recreational marijuana in town. A motion was made by Ms. Walck to prohibit all eight categories of license types for recreational marijuana in East Hampton. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Goff noted he looks at this as a business in town for tax revenue purposes only and the town should capitalize on that revenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Reich, to request the Planning & Zoning Commission begin the process of developing regulations for all eight categories of license type for Adult Use Cannabis. Voted (5-0-1) Ms. Walck abstained.

New Business

Possible Action on Tax Assessment Appeals Settlements

In Executive Session, the Council members discussed a settlement related to tax assessment appeals from the owners of CVS and Stop & Shop properties. The documents will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Ms. Walck, to approve the CVS and Stop & Shop tax assessment appeals as presented. Voted (6-0)

Possible Action on Town Manager Performance Evaluation

In Executive Session, the Council members discussed the Town Manager's yearly performance evaluation.

A motion was made by Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve a 2% wage increase for the Town Manager effective July 1, 2022. Voted (6-0)

Consideration of Business Incentive Agreement for Global 66 LLC

Chairman Philhower recused himself from this item.

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the agreement for Global 66 LLC for a Second-Tier incentive for 265 West High Street. The property owner has opted for a 70% reduction over three (3) years.

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to approve the Business Incentive Agreement for Global 66 LLC as presented. Voted (5-0) Mr. Philhower recused himself.

Mr. Philhower returned to the meeting.

Review and Possible Approval of Police Department General Orders

- a. 5.10 Securing Prisoners**
- b. 5.11 Prisoner Transport**
- c. 5.25 Vehicle Escort**
- d. 7.1 Bomb Threat**

Police Chief Dennis Woessner provided an overview of the four Police Department General Orders that were presented.

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Peterson, to approve Police Department General Orders 5.10, 5.11, 5.25 and 7.1 as presented. Voted (6-0)

Town Manager Report

Mr. Cox provided his written report for the Council members which will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Appointments

None

Tax Refunds

A motion was made by Ms. Walck, seconded by Mr. Goff, to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1,440.47. Voted (6-0).

Public Remarks

None

Communications, Correspondence & Announcement

June 2022 Board & Commission Summary

Council members received the June 2022 Board & Commission Summary.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Goff, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Voted (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk