

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 12, 2019
7:00 AM
TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Terry Flynn, Chuck Cardillo, Roxanne McCaffrey and Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Terry called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes of 5/8, 5/28 and 6/3 minutes. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief: Vincent Garofoli began with an overview of inspections, school building fire drills, and current projects including OSHA upgrades to the stations. He stated that he was very confident with the officers and how the department is functioning. Chief Garofoli cited the diligent efforts of Captain Scott Muir regarding MSDS documentation and his work on emergency control plans plus "all of the computer work end of things."

Police Department: Chief Fennelly stated that they were gearing up for Tanglewood season and that he is working with them on the new bylaw. Once the bylaw is official, the Police Department will include the Fire Department and Chris Marsden with plans. In July they will be planning for the August Encuentro Latino event. Darrell stated that Reserve Officer Kinnaman will be moving and asked instead of resigning to be granted a 6 month leave of absence. Darrell agreed with the request.

Old Business: Terry noted that in the future he will specify on the agenda what will be discussed under old business.

Terry stated that they had previously authorized Roxanne to deal with the DOT and he made the motion to authorize Roxanne to complete and sign any forms required to initiate the Road Safety Audit. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Danielle said that Juliet Locke was leaving VHB and that other members of the team would be working on the scope to present to the Board.

One-Day Alcohol License Applications:

Chuck made a motion to accept the one-day alcohol licenses for Schantz Galleries. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Schedule Meetings:

Terry discussed changing meeting days from Mondays and Wednesdays to Thursday or Friday as they would allow for the most flexibility and ease for posting of meetings. Terry suggested the first and third Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. for July and August as the meeting days with the second Thursday of the month for the morning meeting. He said that he would in no way want to reduce transparency. Chuck said that he would like to keep the Monday, 7:00 p.m. meetings. Roxanne said that they wanted an established schedule and felt that Thursdays would make things more efficient. She also felt that earlier meetings would be better for her. For Department Head meetings it was suggested to use the second Thursday at 7:00 a.m. After much discussion it was decided the Board would meet on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and the third Thursday at 7:00 a.m. and the meetings were scheduled for: June 17th at 6:30 p.m., June 27th at 6:30 p.m., July 11th at 7:00 a.m., July 18th at 6:30 p.m., July 25th at 6:30 p.m., August 8th at 6:30 p.m., August 15th at 7 a.m., and August 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Roxanne made a motion that the Board meet on the second and third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 a.m. for the Department Head meeting, with the exception of what was just stated. Terry seconded; Chuck asked for public comment before the vote and Terry said that public comment would be at the end of the meeting. Chuck said that he was opposed to not allowing public comment when an issue comes up and before a vote. After public protest on the subject and further discussion, Terri asked for all those in favor of the motion on the floor; Roxanne: I; Terry: I; Chuck: opposed. Chuck said that he was strongly opposed to not having public comment and how the meeting was being run.

Change to Code Red

Danielle said that she would like to switch from Blackboard Connect to Code Red for the Town's Reverse 911 system. She continued that Code Red is used in the majority of our surrounding Berkshire County towns and it is easier for log in of data and for department heads to activate. Code Red puts the burden on the residents to up date their own information; residents can change their own phone numbers. Code Red is only \$1500.00 per year as opposed to \$6,000.00/year for Blackboard Connect. Chief Fennelly and Chris Marsden were both on board with Code Red and Fire Chief Garofoli was present and also approved of the system. He did note that if a resident uses their cell phone as contact and is in a poor coverage zone, they may miss a call.

Chuck made a motion that the Board allow Danielle to cease the Blackboard and continue with Code Red. Roxanne seconded; all were in favor.

Proctor Hall Roof Repair:

Terry noted that they had voted to use \$3,000.00 from the established CPC fund for Proctor Hall for roof repairs. There has since been addition damage and the repair cost has increase to \$5,900.00. Terry was open to authorize the extra funds and hold off on repair until he meets with the Rockwell Museum

representative, a representative for the church and Town Counsel. The outcome of that meeting may be that a new roof is needed versus our repair.

Tom LaBelle asked the Board if the Town owns the building and the response was no. Tom further questioned why the Town was spending money on a building that we do not own. Terry said it was in the interest of the Town for the Rockwell to buy and preserve the building. The Town had acknowledged to continue to do basic maintenance of the building. Tom added that the Town is fixing the property of the Congregational Church so that they may sell it to the Rockwell Museum, a third party.

Roxanne made a motion to authorize Danielle to move forward with the repairs. Terry seconded. Chuck abstained. The motion passed.

Public Comment:

Harold French commented that line painting work was being done on Church Street earlier in the morning than the 7:00 a.m. starting time stated in the Town bylaws. Terry said that he would look into the matter.

Terry moved that the Board enter into executive session to conduct the strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with the highway superintendent Lenny Tisdale who is a non-union employee, in accordance with executive session purpose two and to invite Danielle Fillio to participate and to reconvene into open session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting. Chuck seconded. Vote: I Chuck, I Terry, I Roxanne.