



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011
REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL
LECTURE ROOM
324 FRENCH STREET
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

PRESENT: Richard DiFederico
Katherine Duplissie
Richard Fusco
Joseph Polletta
Raymond Primini, Chairman
Louis Razza
MaryAnn Rosa, V. Chairman
Thomas Winn

ABSENT: David Demirs

OTHERS PRESENT: Roy Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Primini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Susan King executed the roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation

Al Mickel – 95 Woodvine Avenue

Mr. Mickel noticed on the agenda that there was no second public participation and would like to see the second public participation put back on.

4. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – October 17, 2011

(Richard Fusco sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated October 17, 2011.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

b. Special Meeting – November 14, 2011

(Richard Fusco sec. Mary Ann Rosa) I move to approve the Special Meeting minutes dated November 14, 2011.

Discussion: **Mary Ann Rosa** the secretary has already corrected the error.

Motion passed unanimously

5. Chairman's Report

a. Correspondence

- b. Thanked all town employees for their hard work with the town outage.
- c. Mr. Primini is asking board members to submit their names for the committees such as Finance, Public Buildings, Facilities, Shared Services, Ethics, Ordinances and a new committee Citizen's Communication.

Citizen's Communication Committee- is being established in an effort to provide citizens a forum and an opportunity to express their opinions, ask questions, or make suggestions on matters that they are concerned about. Various council members will meet on a regular basis with groups such as the senior citizens, parents groups, fire fighters, police officers and others that may be identified. Once a month there will be hours held at the library when any members of the public can meet and talk with a council member.

6. Departmental Report – Public Works Department

Thomas Winn – commended the Public Works Department for doing a wonderful job this past snow storm.

7. New Business

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions.

1. Watertown Library Board of Trustees

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) to be postponed until another meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

2. Bicentennial Memorial Fund Committee

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to nominate John Pillis of 1490 Echo Lake Road, Watertown to be reappointed as the Watertown Historical Society, Inc. representative to the Gazebo Committee for a term to expire January 31, 2017.

Discussion: **Katherine Duplissie** is the Bicentennial Memorial Fund Committee the same as the Gazebo Fund.

Mary Ann Rosa we are assuming for purposes of this motion that it is and he has been serving in this position.

Motion passed unanimously

b. Consider rescheduling a public hearing date, time and place to hear comments on the proposed “Ordinance Regulating Building on Unaccepted Streets.”

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to set a public hearing to be held on December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watertown High School Lecture room to hear comments on the proposed ordinance regulating building on unaccepted streets.

Discussion: **Raymond Primini** this is the meeting that was scheduled for November 7th and was cancelled.

Motion passed unanimously

c. Consider a resolution setting the Watertown Town Council regular meeting schedule meeting location and establishing a method of calling special meetings for 2012.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve the resolution setting the Watertown Town Council regular meeting schedule meeting location and establishing a method of calling special meetings for 2012 by the schedule presented.

Discussion: **Joseph Polletta** is this different from what we had.

Raymond Primini it is the first and third Monday of the month. If there is a holiday it will then be the first or third Tuesday.

Mary Ann Rosa in the summer there is only one meeting in July and one in August.

Motion passed unanimously

d. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,000 for storm related emergency tree removal services.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$24,000 for storm related emergency tree removal services

Discussion: **Roy Cavanaugh, Director of Public Works** – Immediately after the storm we had significant tree damage and in the week following we did a survey of all streets and identified a large number of tree tops and large limbs broken. The town does not have the equipment and crew to take down these safety hazards. Once we identified them we split the list up in to two lists and then gave them to Good Ole Boys and Brothers Tree Service to remove them on an emergency basis. Both companies have reported that they have taken care of all the items on their lists and do not yet have their invoices. I expect it will be approximately between 30 to 40 thousand dollars. Seventy five percent of it will be eligible for reimbursement from FEMMA.

Richard Fusco the next item there is another \$24,000.

Roy Cavanaugh that is for the bid waiver, we are going to be over the \$4,000 amount.

Joseph Polletta do you automatically use them or does the job go out to bid, how does that work.

Roy Cavanaugh the two contractors we have been using on a regular basis over the last 5 or 6 years. This was done on an emergency basis because we simply did not have time after the storm to put it out to bid.

Mary Ann Rosa the motion is for \$24,000 and you just mentioned in the neighborhood of 30 is this motion sufficient.

Roy Cavanaugh we have no idea what the final bill is going to be.

Mary Ann Rosa so you are saying you may be back again for additional funds.

Roy Cavanaugh yes, what this would do it would allow us to at least make a substantial payment whatever the bill maybe.

Katherine Duplissie we will not get this through FEMMA for quite a while, like years is that correct.

Roy Cavanaugh yes

Motion passed unanimously

- e. **Consider authorizing bid waivers for emergency tree services for an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Services to be provided by Good Old Boys and/or Brothers Tree Service.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to authorize bid waivers for emergency tree services for storm related tree removal to be provided by Good Old Boys and or Brothers Tree Service for an amount not to exceed \$24,000.

Discussion: **Raymond Primini** both companies are being used.

Roy Cavanaugh that is correct both are being used, I split up the work 50/50. They both have comparable rates.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. **Consider a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$4,153.18 from the General Fund for tax refunds.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve a resolution authorizing the appropriating of \$4,153.18 from the General Fund for tax refunds.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

- g. **Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

8. Adjournment.

Motion: (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at time 7:50 p.m.

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Discussion: none

Motion passed unanimously

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk