

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2007

Members Present: Michael Quinlivan, Chair, John F. Malone, Vice Chair
Fred Goodrich, Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007. Unanimous.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the Executive Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2007. Unanimous.

Compensatory Time Policy

- After a further review by the BOS of a revised policy presented by (CB) the BOS made a **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to accept the Compensatory Policy for inclusion in the revised Employee Handbook, with one amendment. Unanimous.

Street Light Request – Wildewood Drive

- (FG) has contacted Diane Dillman, Light Dept. Manager and is awaiting a response as to putting a light on Pole 28, which is across the street on West Street.
- DPW Superintendent suggested a change in the street sign to be more reflective.
- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to accept this additional streetlight and copy Planning Board. Unanimous.

Street Light Request – Brigham Road

- **Motion** (FG) seconded (JM) to affirm vote for two additional streetlights on Brigham Road on poles outside of #13 and #28 Brigham Road. Unanimous.

Anna Maria College/Public Safety Feasibility Study

- Gene Raymond – RDA Architects gave a presentation of a draft report on the feasibility study. Study conducted to determine whether it would be in the best interest of the Town to pursue entering into an Agreement with AMC to provide a joint design.
- Mr. Raymond stated that the present Police Station is a liability and is not operating efficiently as prisoners have to be transferred off-site.
- A ‘Free Standing Police Station’ would require 11,770 sq ft, whereas the present facility is 1,625 sq ft.
- Report discussed shared facilities that could reduce costs to the Town and the possibility of leasing out space.

- Mr. Raymond stated that all avenues of funding had been investigated, but that there were no active grants for 'bricks & mortar' coming from either Homeland Security or Federal sources. AMC were not in a position to help fund, as they have other projects of their own coming up.
- Mr. Raymond concluded that the Town would be better from a financial standpoint to pursue a Public Safety Building on the existing Fire Department site, as this would be less expensive and a faster construction schedule. Also that a combined building for fire and police would be a saving of approximately \$1.5 million which concurs with the Rienhardt study.

Town Administrator's Update

United Way Campaign

- Seven employees donated or pledged a total of \$477.00.

Building Reports

- TSC has provided monthly building activity reports for October through December.
- (FG) requested that (CB) provide a projection for potential growth.
- (JM) asked whether (CB) knew how long specific permits etc took to deal with. (CB) did not have this information.

Regional Selectmen Meeting

- The next Regional Selectmen's Meeting is January 31, 2007 in Princeton.

Municipalities Organized for Regional Effectiveness

- (CB) attended the annual meeting of M.O.R.E in Shrewsbury. CMRPC will be making a presentation of on the revitalization of M.O.R.E at the Regional Selectmen's Meeting.

FY08 Budget

- A binder including budget overview, projected revenues, budget requests, wage recommendation capital projects and a five-year projection on revenue and expenses will be made available to the Board of Selectmen tomorrow. Personnel Advisory Board has recommended a 3% pay increase. (CB) recommending no line item for merit, but to include within the compensation line item. Employees should now be aware that the evaluation procedure exists and that it is not an automatic increase.

Town Administrator's Evaluation

- Annual evaluation of the Town Administrator should be conducted in February.

Other Business

Public Safety Complex

- (FG) need to plan for ATM, would need to be a debt exclusion. By February should have a more easily understood debt schedule.
- (JM) asked for confirmation that we are still all in favor of the Public Safety Complex.
- **Motion** (JM) seconded (FG) to reaffirm vote previously taken to support a new public safety complex and accept the concept presented by Reinhart Associates and present at Annual Town Meeting. Unanimous.
- Girl Scouts are looking for a community project. (FG) suggested cleaning out the downstairs at the White Building.
- (MQ) also had a similar request for an Eagle Scout project. (FG) suggested caring for the Common in particular the monument or organizing a weekend program for 7th & 8th graders at the school.
- (FG) requested that (CB) request a list of the open Town Meeting Articles from the Town Accountant to review for closing where appropriate.

Motion (JM) seconded (FG) to adjourn Meeting at 9:00pm Unanimous.

Respectively submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant