

Town of Paxton Board of Selectmen

Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2010

Members Present: Fred Goodrich, Chair,
Bill Trotta, Vice Chair
Peter Bogren, Jr., Clerk

Charles Blanchard, Town Administrator

Attendees: See attendee list

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2010. Unanimous all in favor.**

Class II Car License – Janusz Golemo

- Mr. Golemo stated that his business was internet based, he purchases and sells cars over the internet, he currently sub-rents garage space at 143 Hamilton Street, Worcester with A&D Auto, but will be looking for new premises as this property has recently been sold.
- Most of the mechanical work is performed by A&D Auto on any vehicle that needs prior to sale.
- (PB) concerned that when Mr. Golemo vacates the Hamilton Street premises any cars not sold could end up in the driveway of Mr. Golemo's Paxton home. Mr. Golemo assured the BOS that this would not happen.
- Town Counsel has provided a letter to BOS regards the MGL pertaining to issuance of a Class II "Car License under Chapter 140 Section 59, in that the business is or will be his principle business and only if the Licensing Authority is satisfied that certain condition including a requirement that the applicant maintains or demonstrates access to repair facilities sufficient to enable him to satisfy the warranty repair obligations imposed by section 7N½ of chapter 90".
- Mr. Golemo stated that he does most of his business from home via the Internet, but is unable to open a business account without a license. Worcester has a moratorium on issuing licenses and that is why he is applying in Paxton. Mr. Golemo's main occupation is as a travel agent and exporter of wholesale food. Selling cars he stated is a hobby.
- (WT) asked (CB) to arrange with the Police Chief to perform a CORI check on Mr. Golemo and ask that the State Police do an investigation into the business.

- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to take under advisement pending the result of the CORI check and investigation. Unanimous all in favor.**

Annual Town Meeting – Bylaw to Change the Date

- (FG) would like to place an article on the ATM Warrant to create a bylaw to change the date of the ATM Meeting from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in June. This he believes would help with knowing the budget revenue figures from the state.
- (CB) biggest unknown is the WRSD Assessment, which is required 35 days prior to the first Town Meeting of the Wachusett Towns.
- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to place article on the ATM warrant to change the date of the ATM to the first Monday in June.**
- (CB) asked whether they were giving any consideration to changing the Annual Election date.
- (FG) BOS agreed to move the Election date from the second Monday in May to the second Monday in June. If they are able to do this, (CB) to contact Town Counsel.

Town Administrators Update

Senior Volunteer Program

- (CB) stated that the \$25,000 income limit placed on the program disqualified many seniors from participating in this program.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (PB) to eliminate the \$25,000 income limit. Unanimous all in favor.**
- (WT) stated that he would like to include the Department of Emergency Management as a department that could use the Senior Service.
- **Motion (WT) seconded (FG) to add the Department of Emergency Management. Unanimous all in favor.**

Community Bulletin Board and Temporary Signs Policy

- **Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to accept the Community Bulletin Board and Temporary Signs on Town Property policy. Unanimous all in favor.**

10 West Street RFP

- No RFP received for lease of 10 West Street. (CB) did receive a call the next day from an interested party and will contact Town Counsel for guidance.

Local Option Meals Tax

- (PB) This tax would bring in approximately \$5776, 73 towns have adopted. (PB) not for adopting this meal tax and BOS agreed not to take any action to adopt this tax.

Other Business

- Jim Stone, Chairman of the Capital Improvement Committee provided a spreadsheet to

the BOS and stated that if they were to approve all the requests they had received it would have added \$135,000 to the Town budget so instead only approved a new police cruiser, to be purchased from the Capital Depreciation Fund.

- (FG) stated he would like this information available at Town Meeting.
- Ray Charette, resident questioned why the Apparatus Room lights at the Public Safety Complex are on all day and night. Asked why they cannot be switched off.
- (CB) stated that they were designed that way, a motion sensor would be more costly but that he would take this up with the architect.
- (FG) stated that he had been approached by the Library to have a credit card to purchase items for the Library, instead of using their own cards.
- (CB) stated that this should be brought to the Town Administrator not brought up at a meeting, (PB) agreed.

Correspondence

- Letter of resignation from the Master Plan Implementation Committee received from George Barket.

FY2011 Budget

- Current spreadsheets provided by (CB) showed a \$138,707 deficit.
- (FG) did not want to take the entire deficit from stabilization, as he believes that FY12 will be even worst than FY11.
- (CB) stated that the Police Department had reviewed their compensation and was able to reduce their budget by \$20,000 due to one person going through the Police Academy and taking a Patrolman's position halfway through the year.
- Discussed reducing the DPW's Blacktop account, which is currently budgeted at \$50,000.
- (FG) stated that they would be meeting with the Finance Committee on Wednesday to discuss the FY11 budget.
- (PB) if we can get the deficit below \$90,000, we would be in good shape.

Motion (FG) seconded (WT) to adjourn meeting at 8:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol L. Riches
Administrative Assistant