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TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 20, 2012
6:00pm
Selectmen's Conference Room

Call to Order: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini and Selectman Kathy Devlin. Selectman Bud Knorr was not available to attend. Also present included Kim Marcotte-CFO, John Collins-Somers Building Official, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, and Keith Allard, Rick McDonald, and Daniel Madden of the Fire Department, as well as some interested Somers Residents.

Opportunity to add agenda items:

None.

CIP Forms and Discussions:

Fire Dept:

Gary Schiessl distributed handouts of the Pumper and Tanker Bid results from September 13, 2012. Bids were broken out for one truck, two trucks and three trucks. Chief Schiessl explained the bids are only good for 60 days, after the 60 days they would have to start the process over. Chief Schiessl would like the opportunity to attend the CIP Committee meeting to explain the Bid Sheets he prepared. Mrs. Pellegrini stated that unfortunately the CIP Committee would not be meeting this week and thus the committee would not have a report for the Board of Finance on Monday 9/24/12. Mrs. Pellegrini said she was attempting to reschedule the CIP Committee meeting during the next week.

DPW:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented a handouts of a presentation prepared by Jeff Bord, Town Engineer/Director of Public Works and Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works. The handout included roadway preservation strategies, road repair costs and the descriptions of the different types of repairs. The Selectmen discussed various road projects and the desire to have a Road Survey performed.

CIP Forms:

Mrs. Pellegrini presented CIP forms for a Parks Field Groomer, Road Sweeper, 3- Combination Snow Plow/Sander dump truck replacement, a Mower and an Articulating Highway Roller.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the above listed CIP forms, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Budget:

Mrs. Marcotte distributed a year to date expenditure report to the Board of Selectmen.

Zoning Enforcement Signs:

Mrs. Pellegrini asked Building Official John Collins to share with the Board a discussion he had with the Zoning Commission regarding temporary signs around Town. Mr. Collins asked the Board of Selectmen for guidance on the best way to deal with the temporary signs. Mr. Collins explained that currently the Town of Somers Zoning regulations do not permit the placement of signs and stated that there have been several complaints about the excessive signage. The Board and Mr. Collins agreed that zoning enforcement should conduct a sign sweep to remove the signs. All agreed that some residents will be very angry with the removal of the signs, while others will be very happy that the Town is following its regulations. In an effort to communicate the sign sweep it was agreed to print a public notice to inform the public. The notice says the "sweeps" will begin on October 10th. The Board also discussed that a forum is available through the upcoming meetings of the Plan of Conservation and Development for residents to address/discuss proposals for zoning regulation changes for signage.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize the sign sweep of temporary signs not permitted by Town Zoning Regulations, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Selectmen's Update:

Maintenance:

Mrs. Pellegrini announced that Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works would like to use a computer program called Maintenance Dude for a (free) one year trial period; the program will track work orders and building maintenance.

Earmark:

Mrs. Pellegrini received an email from Hugh Hayward, Engineer of the DOT explaining that the Federal Highway Administration is rescinding a variety of Earmarks across the country due to inactivity. Mr. Hayward asked Mrs. Pellegrini to respond via email that the town has no ability to use these funds in a federal-aid project at this time.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to authorize Mrs. Pellegrini to respond to Mr. Hayward, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed

Boards and Commissions:

Resignations:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a resignation letter from Irene Percoski of the Cemetery Committee on 9/6/12 announcing her resignation effective October 11, 2012.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to accept the resignation with regrets and thanks for service, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The Motion passed.

Appointments:

Mrs. Pellegrini received a letter from Linda Abbott recommending Mr. Jason Hutton to fill the vacancy of Mr. Neil Connell on the Cultural Commission beginning on October 9th with a term expiration of 12/22/14.

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to appoint Mr. Jason Hutton to the Cultural Commission to fill the vacancy of Mr. Connell, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Local Traffic Authority: None

Authorization of Scheduled Payments:

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the sum of \$ 161,338.63, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Appropriations/Transfers:

Dept: Recreation

Acct: Name

Rec Self Support-Revenue 100-9098-007-0842-4-01 \$10,000.00

Re Self Support –Expenditures 100-9098-090-0890-5-00 \$10,000.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriations submitted by the Recreation Department, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Dept: Fire Department

Acct: Name

New Equipment 100-2016-020-0730-5-00 \$5,385.00

Other Revenue 100-0010-007-0844-4-01 \$5,385.00

Mrs. Devlin made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation for the Fire Department, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. The motion passed.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:55pm, seconded by Mrs. Devlin. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim LaFleur-Recording

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