



Town of Burlington

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015

First Selectman Shafer called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Present were Selectmen Powell, Salsedo and Chard. Selectman Bereza was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Review/Accept Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the March 26, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Selectman by Selectman Chard and Salsedo, with one spelling correction on the second page.

Citizen Comment: Ginger Doherty commented that the minutes did not exactly reflect what she said in citizen comments on 3/26/15. She commented that there is a need to address who will be responsible to clean snow around the hydrants now. She noted that in the towns she has lived in, they have had an ordinance that stated the property owners are responsible to clean or will be fined. As tax payer she does not want to see the public works having the job of cleaning snow around hydrants. Also, when the Town has to publish for a Referendum 1 to 3 weeks ahead of the voting date, it doesn't seem to make the LED sign at the same time. First Selectman Shafer noted that he did check with the Town Clerk's Office, and showed a copy of what appeared on the LED sign. The notice was on the LED Sign for 3 weeks. Selectman Powell noted that he saw the notice during the 3 weeks but could not say exactly when, Selectman Chard agreed.

Michael Boucher was present, along with Chief Andy Mercieri, to explain the BVFD Engine Bid opened March 22nd. They sent the bid request to 3 vendors, as well as making it public, but only one vendor responded. He also reviewed different payment options. Pierce was the vendor and there is a good history with this vendor. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the bid from Pierce for a purchase of an Engine, the amount not to exceed \$619,456.00 with the BOF making final decision regarding financing by Selectman Chard and Powell.

Appointments to Board/Commissions: First Selectman Shafer noted that there are 2 residents interested in the Library Board of Directors vacancy. Laura Hedenberg and Patricia Miller. Both residents spoke with the BOS. The Board recessed for a brief discussion at 7:25 PM and returned at 7:40 PM. Upon their return a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to appoint Laura Hedenberg to the Library Board of Directors for a term immediately to June 30, 2017 by Selectman Chard and Powell.

First Selectman Shafer also noted that he appointed Paul Volarski as a temporary Building Official. He will be filling in as needed for our Building Official.

Ordinances: First Selectman Shafer noted that he put this on the agenda to start the discussion regarding the updating of the Town Ordinances and to discuss new ordinances. It was decided that an Ad Hoc Committee will be formed; they will be given a charge, length of term and the number of members on the committee. This will be on the agenda in the future.

BVFD Cell Town Amendment: Present were Mark Appleby, Northeast Site Solutions Representative and Duncan Forsyth, Town Attorney. After a brief discussion a motion was made to empower First Selectman Shafer to sign all necessary documents regarding the First Amendment to Side License Agreement with Option by Selectman Chard and Salsedo.

Selectmen's Reports: Selectman Salsedo discussed the Arbor Day at LSM, the school will be on vacation next week so another date will be chosen prior to school closing.



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Selectman Powell commented on the Regional School District 10 surplus and asked about the Rails to Trails Project.

First Selectman Shafer and Beth Paul, Assessor, gave an update regarding the possible Historical Agricultural Ordinance that he has been discussed with Theresa Dunlop.

He also noted that he attended a CCM event at the Hartford Armory Officers Club. This was regarding status of legislative bills.

Executive Session: Litigation – New Britain Assessment Appeal, Angela’s Way, Personnel – Police Department, Reals Estate Acquisition Status: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to begin executive session at 8:17 PM for the purpose of: New Britain Assessment Appeal, Angela’s Way, Personnel – Police Department, Reals Estate Acquisition Status inviting into Executive Session Ellie Parente, Director of Finance; Duncan Forsyth, Town Attorney and Beth Paul, Assessor by Selectmen Powell and Salsedo.

Beth Paul, Assessor, left Executive Session at 9:00 PM.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to end executive session and return the public meeting at 9:40 PM by Selectmen Chard and Powell.

There being no further business a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn the regular Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:41 PM by Selectman Powell and Chard.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger L. Powell
Secretary

4/17/15

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