

Minutes of the Select Board Meeting, November 8, 2016

Howard Bronstein, Phil Lococo, and Leslie Rule were present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of October 25, 2016 were accepted as submitted.

Assessors' Software

Assistant Assessor Cathy Hall informed the Board of upcoming changes in assessing software. Plans to eliminate the CAMA system developed by the DOR are in the works. Tyler Technologies has agreed to provide services through the Community Software Consortium of which Plainfield is a member. Forty towns must sign up to make this work. The state will cover the cost of the conversion to the Tyler Technologies program. Annual software support will be \$3,700.00 plus licensing costs. Other software vendors are available, but conversion costs will not be covered by the state. Phil moved to approve the Assessors' recommendation of Tyler Technologies. The motion, seconded by Leslie, was unanimously approved. The agreement was signed.

Energy Committee

Energy Committee members Conrad Liebenow and Steve Bushway met with the Board with the report from Bales Energy Associates, an Energy Reduction Plan and a check list for the Green Communities Application. Phil moved to schedule a Special Select Board Meeting on November 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to give the Board time to read the information before signing the Green Communities Application. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved. Conrad will email the documents for review prior to the special meeting.

Website

Amendments to the Plainfield Website Guidelines were discussed with Brian Hawthorne, Dennis and Theresa Thatcher, and Paula King. It was also noted Mik Muller is designing a module for meeting notices and minutes. The need for a website budget for FY'18 and e-mails for town officials were discussed. Howard moved to accept the amendments to the Plainfield Website Guidelines. The motion, seconded by Phil, was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Chapter 90 reimbursement requests in the amount of \$243,954.23 (Rte. 116) and \$4,038.09 (Line Striping) were signed.

Phil moved to pay KP Law invoice #109761 in the amount of \$70.00. The motion was seconded by Leslie and was unanimously approved.

Phil moved to sign the 2017 Class II and Class III licenses for Robert J. Sadowski. The motion, seconded by Howard, was unanimously approved.

Appointments

A letter of interest in serving on the Planning Board was received from Robert Silberberg. Howard entertained a motion to appoint Robert Silberberg to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy left by Penn Moulton's resignation. The motion was moved by Leslie, seconded by Phil, and was unanimously approved.

A copy of Erik Burcroff's appointment to the Buildings Committee was received from the moderator.

Correspondence

A notice of foreclosure for the 27 Broom Street property was received from Greenfield Savings Bank.

Notice was received of MTRSD's Excess and Deficiency certified amount of \$699,546.00 as of July 1, 2016.

MTRSD Best Committee's recommended plan to enhance the district's sustainability include working to close Heath Elementary School, to integrate 6th grade students into the Mohawk Middle School, consolidate PK to Grade 5 students into Buckland Shelburne Elementary School and Sanderson Academy, to identify opportunities to reduce transportation costs, and to analyze the feasibility of constructing a new elementary school on the Mohawk campus while developing a clear vision for emphasizing excellence in education in the district, further legislative action addressing the revenue challenges of rural schools.

The Board received notice of Eversoure's vegetation management plan which noted warnings to residents to be aware of overhead hazards in trees and wires while doing outside work.

KP Law has issued an e-Update entitled "Recent Amendments to Chapter 40A".

Town's can save money by ordering grave site flags for Memorial Day from the Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans' District. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to Veterans' Grave Officer Dudley Williams.

The Department of Environmental Protection (Western Regional Office) is launching the Small Town Environmental Partnership initiative.

MBI has established a Frequently Asked Questions page on their website.

The executed contract for the Recycling Dividends Program was received.

Other mail was reviewed and distributed.

Warrants were signed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula J. King
Administrative Secretary