TOWN OF OXFORD

S.B. Church Memorial Town Hall 486 Oxford Road, Oxford, Connecticut 06478-1298

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7:30 PM – Town Hall Main Meeting Room

The Town of Oxford Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting was called to order by First Selectman George Temple at 7:35 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: First Selectman George Temple, Esq., Selectman Jeff Haney, Selectman Scott Flaherty

and Kristyn Rosa, Administrative Assistant

Absent: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. 10/3/18 Regular Meeting

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve the 10/3/18 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

1. Funding for Temporary Public Works Administrator Position

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Funding for Temporary Public Works Administrator Position as Item #7. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

2. Hire Temporary Public Works Administrator Position

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to amend the agenda to add Hire Temporary Public Works Administrator Position as Item #8 and move Report of First Selectman to Item #9. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

APPOINTMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Re-Appoint Building Official

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to re-appoint Gordon Gramolini as the Town of Oxford Building Official with a term to commence 11/3/18 and expire on 11/5/22. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Building Official position is an appointed position. Gordon does a terrific job in this position.

2. Purchase Portable Radios for Fire Department - Approve

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve the purchase of the following FY 2018 – 2019 approved Capital Non-Recurring projects items:

- Four (4) APX8000XE portable radios with channel knob, desk charger and vehicle charger for an amount not to exceed \$27,370.00.
- Thirteen (13) APX4000 portable radios with display, desk charger and vehicle charger in an amount not to exceed \$39,195.00.
- Thirteen (13) cases at \$60.00 each for a total amount of \$780.00.
- Seventeen (17) spare batteries at \$100 each for a total amount of \$1,700.00.

All totaling \$69,045.00 and as presented and recommended by the Fire Chief in his letter dated 10/10/18. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance and then to Town Meeting. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: These are replacement radios for the Fire Department. Chief officers will have dual-band radios which will enable them to talk to other Towns and State-wide channels. The other additional radios are for line officers and will be carried at all times. The radios have larger knobs, allowing them to be operated with gloves. Life expectancy is 10 to 15 years.

3. Tax Refunds

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve the tax refunds totaling \$18,067.13 as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 10/17/18 and to authorize two signatures.

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Selectman Jeff Haney moved to Table the tax refunds totaling \$18,067.13 as presented and recommended by the Tax Collector in her letter dated 10/17/18 and to authorize two signatures. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The refunds consist of motor vehicle overpayments and one (1) real estate overpayment. The real estate refund is \$16,000.00. There are more refunds to come. More information is needed for approval to refund this sum of money.

4. Appropriation Requests

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Appropriation Requests:

TO: Police 5433-603 Equipment Depreciable \$ 6,173.80 FROM: General Fund Balance \$ 6,173.80

TO: 5433-603 Equipment Depreciable \$14,025.00 FROM: General Fund Balance \$14,025.00

This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The \$6,173.80 is for plate readers. There will be two (2) cameras per vehicle. The readers will give important information about the vehicle owner(s). First Selectman George Temple questioned the Town Grant Writer Kathleen O'Neil about the status of a grant for the plate readers. She stated that the Town cannot receive a grant for the readers because the Town has a resident trooper. COG will not award grant money to a resident trooper town. The \$14,025.00 is for traffic enforcement radar.

5. Connecticut Emergency Management Program Grant <u>Resolution</u> – Approve and Authorize First Selectman to Sign

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve the following Connecticut Emergency Management Program Grant *Resolution* and to authorize the First Selectman to sign:

RESOLVED, that the Oxford Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that George R. Temple as First Selectman of the Oxford Board of Selectmen in authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Oxford Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: This grant will pay 50% of the budget for the Emergency Management Director. Application to receive the grant is made annually. The resolution is a grant requirement. This will save the Town money annually.

6. Solid Waste & Recycling Permit License

No action required at this time.

7. Funding for Temporary Public Works Administrator Position

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to approve additional funding, in the amount of \$13,137.50 to be taken from Contingency Fund, for the Public Works Administrator position due to the retirement of the current Administrator and the anticipated replacement. This matter will be forwarded to the Board of Finance. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Temporary Public Works Administrator will be hired at a pay rate of \$20.21 per hour, which is 10% below the lowest union rate. The temporary Administrator and the current Administrator will need to be paid through the end of the current year. The current Administrator will receive her salary through the end of this year because she accrued vacation and sick time.

8. Hire Temporary Public Works Administrator Position

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to hire Dawn Passerine of 11 Cheyenne Drive, as the Temporary Public Works Administrator at a pay rate of \$20.21, 10% below step one, for a period of 60 days beginning Monday October 22,2018. This was seconded by Selectman Scott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: Dawn has worked for the Town for two (2) years. She volunteered at Public Works at the time of the tornado in Oxford. This is a temporary non-union position.

9. Report of First Selectman

- 1. There was a successful CPV (Power Plant) dedication today. The Connecticut State Governor and Commissioner of DEEP were in attendance. The new power plant is an impressive facility. First Selectman George Temple wishes them the best moving forward.
- 2. Pink the First Selectman date has been changed to Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 2:00 PM. First Selectman George Temple will pledge \$100.00 for Selectman Scott Flaherty to get pinked. Donations benefit the Griffin Hospital Breast Awareness Campaign.
- 3. Riverside is having its pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 4, 2018.
- 4. This Friday, October 19, 2018, Ansonia will play Derby (football) at the Oxford High School. Oxford will play Seymour at the Seymour High School field.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Selectman Jeff Haney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. This was seconded by Selectman Sott Flaherty. All 3 Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary LoPresti

Clerk, Board of Selectmen

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