

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016

Planning Office, 114 Main Street

6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by President Allis.

President Allis stated this meeting was being recorded. If any other person present was doing the same, they must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted the Town Council was audio recording and GCTV-15 was video recording the meeting for future broadcast.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. Councilors Sund, Wainstein, Renaud and Leonovich were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor William Martin; Town Clerk Deborah J. Tuttle; Director of Municipal Finance and Administration Marjorie Lane Kelly; Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; DPW Engineer Chris Stoddard; GCTV-15 staff; Aviva Luttrell, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was not held because there was no flag present.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Smith, Director of Harmon Personnel Services spoke of a program he was working with the Mayor to improve employment opportunities for those who have employment barriers.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Lobik read the Public Hearing notice: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., July 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Planning Office, 114 Main St. to receive public input on the following:

- Transfer \$245,000 from Capital Stabilization for the repair and replacement of drainage, water lines, sewer inflow infiltration and paving of Silver Street.
- Upon recommendation of the Mayor and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, the following capital article amounts be transferred to provide funding for the repair and replacement of drainage, water lines, sewer inflow infiltration and paving of Silver Street:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/27/09	Columbus Avenue Sewer	\$ 9,159
5/22/13	Purchase of Vactor Truck	\$ 10,155
6/16/10	Rehabilitate Millbrook Well	\$ 12,643
6/16/10	Engineering of Wisdom Way	\$ 81,192
4/19/14	Repair Roof at DPW Yard	\$ 8,905
4/19/14	Build Paint Booth at Yard	\$ 15,000
4/19/14	Purchase an Air Compressor	\$ 2,012
4/19/14	Purchase 1T Dump Truck	\$ 7,986
4/19/14	Replace Water Vehicle #44	\$ 1,109
		\$148,161

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., July 20, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Planning Office, 114 Main St. Materials can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office, 14 Court Sq. from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. or phone 413-772-1555, x. 6163.

Brickett Allis, Greenfield Town Council President

Councilor Lobik held the following second reading:

- Transfer \$245,000 from Capital Stabilization for the repair and replacement of drainage, water lines, sewer inflow infiltration and paving of Silver Street.

- Capital – Department of Public Works - \$148,171

President Allis opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm. He asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. Seeing none he stated the hearing would remain open.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: Mayor Martin read the attached statement. In response to questions from Councilor Mass the Mayor discussed the proposed Veterans Housing on Deerfield Street. He noted the individual sizes of the multiple unit complexes would be between 500 to 600 square feet per unit. Veterans would be given priority for purchase, but if they did not sell it would be opened to nonveterans.

Councilor Mass corrected the second reading:

- Capital – Department of Public Works - \$148,161

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mayor Martin discussed:

- The Administration office expected to occupy the new office located at the Middle School around September.
- Abandonment of Lenox Avenue.
- Summer food program was thriving.
- The naming of the track for Peter Conway was done so because the track was not a facility.
- Would assist in facilitating a response from the Superintendent to Vice-President Mass regarding an email sent with questions to the FBI’s probe into food services.
- Reasons for the Greenfield High School track area being locked and not allowing citizens use of the area.

President Allis closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 pm

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 17-015**

**Financial Order 17-05**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Mass, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL ARTICLE AMOUNTS BE TRANSFERRED TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DRAINAGE, WATER LINES, SEWER INFLOW INFILTRATION AND PAVING OF SILVER STREET:

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**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Lobik stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -015, FINANCIAL ORDER 17-05.

**Order no. FY 17-016**

**Financial Order 17-06**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Mass, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$245,000 BE TRANSFERRED FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DRAINAGE, WATER LINES, SEWER INFLOW INFILTRATION AND PAVING OF SILVER STREET.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Lobik stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a majority, 3 yes and 1 no, positive recommendation. In response to Councilor Mass's request, Mayor Martin stated he would not commit to submitting a withdrawal request for \$120,000 worth of previously approved Fiscal Year 2017 Capital items. President Allis did not allow for a recess as requested by Councilor Mass. Comments included:

- This was an important project; there were sinkholes on Silver Street that needed to be repaired.
- Additional underground structures that were in need of service.
- Did not understand why this project was being hijacked.
- The FY2017 Capital Budget was the largest budget in the history of the Town.
- Not opposed to the project but opposed to the money that is being spent in total.
- The purposed for stabilization accounts was for this purpose.

It was by 7 yes and 1 no,

**DEFEATED:** ORDER NO. FY 17 -016 FINANCIAL ORDER 17-06.

It was noted that the Ways and Means Committee forwarded unanimous positive recommendation for approval of the remainder of the orders.

**Order no. FY 17-017**

**Financial Order 16-55**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$14,325 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE HEALTH INSURANCE TO MEDICARE MATCH.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Braccia noted that the Medicare Match budget was historically difficult to estimate.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -017, FINANCIAL ORDER 16-55.

**Order no. FY 17-018**

**Financial Order 16-56**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Stempel, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAYOR AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, THAT \$7,350 BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DISPATCH BUDGET TO THE LEGAL LABOR ACCOUNT.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Braccia noted there were unforeseen legal expenses associated with the Police Department and dispatch union.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -018, FINANCIAL ORDER 16-56.

**Order no. FY 17-019**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Stempel, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR CENTRAL SERVICES TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 1001910-5341 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,500.

**Order no. FY 17-020**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Childs, it was unanimous,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 ANNUAL AUDIT TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 1001360-5301 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.

**Order no. FY 17-021**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Stempel, it was,

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 1001360-5301 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Braccia discussed the unforeseen expenses associated with the transfer to the new accounting system.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 17 -021.

**Order no. FY 17-022**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Lobik, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimous,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR WAGES TO BE TRANSFERED INTO ACCOUNT NUMBER 1001350-5111 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND SIMILAR PAPERS** None.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Ricketts noted the committee would have discussion and make a recommendation on the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit zoning amendment in August. She invited anyone with questions or concerns to attend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

By a request Councilor Mass, President Allis noted the Town Council would recess for five (5) minutes at 7:04 PM.

President Allis called the meeting back to order at 7:06 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Maloni, it was unanimously **VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:06 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deborah J. Tuttle, Town Clerk

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Planning Office, 114 Main Street  
Special Meeting  
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1. Sund, Verne	Ab.					
2. Lobik, John	P					
3. Allis, Brickett	P					
4. Muzyka-Pyfrom, Wanda	P					
5. Wainstein, Robert	Ab.					
6. Burge, Maria	P					
7. Childs, William	P					
8. Stempel, Ashley	P					
9. Leonovich, Daniel	Ab.					
10. Mass, Isaac	P					
11. Renaud, Karen	Ab.					
12. Ricketts, Penny	P					
13. Maloni, Mark	P					