

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2018

Greenfield High School, 21 Barr Avenue

7:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Renaud.

President Renaud 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. All Councilors were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor William Martin; Administrative Assistant to the Town Council Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Finance Director/Town Auditor/Town Accountant Elizabeth Braccia; Director of Administration Mark Smith; Greenfield School Superintendent Jordana Harper; School Committee Chairperson Adrian Nunez; School Committee Secretary Donald Alexander; GCET Director John Lunt; Human Resource Director Diana Letourneau; GCET Commissioner Jennifer Stromsten; GCTV-15 staff; Dan Desrochers, *the Recorder*, and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Mass, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS.

**Order no. FY 18-084**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Mass, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL VOTES TO APPOINT THE ATTACHED LIST OF STUDENTS AS JUNIOR TOWN COUNCILORS; APPOINTMENT TO EXPIRE UPON COMPLETION OF THE ATTACHED PROPOSED LESSON PLAN FOR GREENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL SHADOWING PROGRAM IN MAY.

<b>PRECINCT</b>	<b>TOWN COUNCILOR</b>	<b>STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER</b>
1	Verne Sund	Anthony Bohannon
2	John Lobik	Lexxie Rowell
3	Brickett Allis	Wyatt Clark
4	Wanda Pyfrom	Willow Scappace
5	Timothy Dolan	Tabitha Caloon
6	Sheila Gilmour	Jacob Frank
7	Otis Wheeler	Iggy Passiglia
8	Doug Mayo	Gracelyn Tatta
9	Dan Leonovich	Eden Swasey
At Large	Karen Renaud	Ella McDaniel
At Large	Isaac Mass	Eli Stathis

At Large	Penny Ricketts	Angelina George
At Large	Ashley Stempel	Dylan Badillo

Ms. Scott swore in the Student Councilors. Student Councilors introduced themselves and shook hands with Councilors.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Ricketts, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO ACCEPT THE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following members of the public spoke:

- Rachael Katz, 229/231 Main Street, spoke of the advantages of having services available from GCET.
- Patty Morey Walker, 194 High Street, spoke regarding:
  - Questioned the proposal for additional School Resource Officers rather than using the proposed funds for School Psychologist or teachers that may have been laid off rather than reactionary items.
  - Congratulations to Tapestry Health Program for the recent successful Needle Exchange program. The Council should limit the location of a business due to the proximity to a place of worship.
  - There will be a Youth Forum hosted by the Youth Commission and Community Action on April 9, 2018 at Community Action on Federal Street, additional information will be forthcoming.
  - The Youth Commission has added two youth to the Youth Commission Auxiliary members.
- Pam Kelly, 32 Spruce Street, spoke of the new initiative by the State called PACE Financing Program. She handed out information for Town Council review.
- Maria Burge, 29 Garfield St., spoke regarding:
  - Congratulated the Student Councilors.
  - Invited the Councilors to attend the Vietnam Veterans Celebration on Thursday, March 29, 2018 on the Town Common at 11:00 am.
  - Congratulated Greenfield High School Student for the wonderful performance and food at the Taste of Culture event held Tuesday, March 20, 2018.
  - Spoke in support of the proposed increase to the Senior Tax Work Off program.
- Douglas Sullivan 38 Forest Ave spoke in support of the School Committee proposed FY 2019 school budget.
- Mike Archer, 80 Pickett Lane, spoke in support of the Town Council approving the request for Sewer and Betterment for Pickett Lane. He also suggested the current increase to sewer rates should have been gradual.
- Adrian Nunez, 71 Conway Street, Apt 1, stated if the Town Council intention was to hold an Executive Session during or after this meeting it should have been reflected on the agenda for public information. She wanted to ensure the Open Meeting Law was being followed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** Councilor Stempel read the following Public Hearing notice: In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Greenfield Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wed., March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenfield High School Cafeteria, 21 Barr Ave., to receive public input on the following:

- \$85,000 be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of demolition of 188 Main Street
- \$76,000 be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the Green Communities Grant Town Match

The Town Council will consider the same on Wed., March 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Greenfield High School Cafeteria, 21 Barr Avenue. 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.

Karen Renaud, Greenfield Town Council President

President Renaud asked if anyone wished to speak to the Public Hearing.

Councilor Stempel held the following second reading:

- 85,000 to be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of demolition of 188 Main Street
- \$76,000 to be appropriated from the General Stabilization Fund for the purpose of the Green Communities Grant Town Match.

President Renaud closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 pm.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

MAYOR: Mayor Martin and Police Chief Haigh spoke of the proposed \$225,000 increase to the Police Department budget to allow for two (2) additional uniformed School Resource Officers (SRO) for Greenfield Schools. Comments included:

- The current SRO is predominantly located at the High School.
- The two proposed SRO's would cover the other school locations in town.
- There are current members of the department interested in filling these positions.

Questions from Councilors and responses included:

- The amount requested would be just enough to fulfill the request.
- Safety in Schools should be left up to educators; what input did the School Administration have in the proposal.
- Was it anticipated this would increase arrests of juveniles in the schools that were "non gun violence" situations.
- Mutual aid situations within the county.
- SRO in schools increase good relationships, provides security, and serves as a deterrent for all actions.
- Security cameras in use at the High School.
- What other options had been considered for School security.
- Concerns with the power of arrest from SRO.
- School Committee capital budget request for swipe key cards did not make it into the Mayors proposed Capital Budget.

In response to Councilor Allis, President Renaud stated the Town Council would vote at the end of the meeting to consider going into Executive Session.

Mayor Martin also discussed:

- Parking Garage is on schedule and on budget. Construction will begin again the first week of April 2018. Completion is expected in September 2018.
- Tax Act 2018 and Opportunity Zones for which Greenfield has 2 of these zones which may create opportunities for additional TIF's and the PACE program.
- March 29, 2018 is Vietnam Veterans Day.
- Emphasized support for GCET Enterprise fund order to be considered tonight. In the future Legislation would be proposed to the State.

Mayor Martin and Ms. Letourneau responded to questions relating to the following from the Town Council:

- The Town's policy for background checks and driving record checks for employees who drive municipal vehicles. Verification of certified driver's records. Massachusetts CORI checks are performed.
- Gender equity pay audit.
- Advertising and hiring practices of the Town of Greenfield.
- Are there any plans as a municipality to expand our checks of proposed employees including more than just Massachusetts?

In response to a question by Councilor Allis, Mayor Martin stated employees who wished to attend a funeral were required to use their own time to attend unless they are attending in an official capacity.

Ms. Collins reviewed the request to appropriate \$76,000 for the Green Communities Town Match including heating and cooling equipment at Town Hall and four schools. A competitive procurement process is being followed to endure the best product and price.

Ms. Braccia announced the following amounts were certified as of March 15, 2108:

- Free Cash - \$841,468.
- Water Enterprise fund - \$36,706.
- Sewer Enterprise fund - \$202,901.

Ms Braccia reviewed the first readings to be held tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GCET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND/OR GCET DIRECTOR:  
Mr. Lunt and Ms. Braccia discussed the following:

- Monthly income would be north of \$22,000 with 375 customers.
- Reviewed the expanding coverage area.
- Next month GCET would take over the internet service for the Town of Greenfield.
- Attached hand out regarding GCET Enterprise Fund method of accounting and Special Legislation outline. Special legislation would be needed to allow for fund transfers from GCET to the Town of Greenfield and need framework for GCET to clarify regulatory authority and process.

Mr. Lunt, Ms. Braccia and Vice-Chairman Stromsten responded to questions from Councilors regarding:

- How the accounting process would be shared between GCET and the Town.
- GCET hiring process for the current Executive Director.
- Continued work and future success of GCET.
- Commissioners pay for service had not been enacted; information would be obtained if the implementation of an enterprise fund would affect this issue.
- Current work performed for GCET and Economic Development Director by Mr. Lunt.
- Main opinion from Division of Local Service (DLS) says an Enterprise Fund for GCET is allowed. Confusion of several varying opinions relating to the topic. The uncertainty is part and partial of this entity being new and different.
- It was noted that of the two GCET orders on the agenda tonight only the first order needed to be considered.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Superintendent Harper and Chairperson Nunez discussed the following:

- The School Committee voted an FY 2019 proposed School Operating Budget of \$19,003,955.06 to the Mayor; which is a needs based budget.
- There are ongoing deliberations regarding Human Resources MOU with the Town.
- School safety ongoing conversation. The School Committee had not seen, or weighted in on, the SRO proposal. It is anticipated to come before the Committee in April.
- The School Committee is aware that the Community Relation and Education Committee is interested in Green River School discussion.
- The School Committee Capital Committee did recommend approval of swipe cards.
- Superintendent evaluation training was scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, March 22, 2018.
- Support for the Student Councilors.
- Taste of World Cultures becomes better every year; it is a great event.
- District wide events included: Elementary Schools held a “Day of Kindness”; the Middle School held a “Day of Action”; High School held a “Day of Dialog” the events were held to create community and increase safety.
- Request for Supplemental FY 2018 Budget explanation on packet pages 126 and 127.

Superintendent Harper, Ms. Braccia and Chairperson Nunez responded to questions from Councilors regarding:

- Could the Town Council add to, included items not recommended by the Mayor, the proposed Capital Budget for the School Department?
- About four years ago a Wireless PA System for the Greenfield Schools was approved in the Capital Budget; there an intention to forward a recommendation to change this to a wired system before the next Town Council meeting.

President Renaud called for a recess at 9:05 pm.

President Renaud called the meeting back to order at 9:12 pm

TOWN OFFICERS: None.

## **MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Order no. FY 18-080 A**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Mass, it was unanimously, **VEOTD:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL TAKE FROM THE TABLE ORDER NO. FY 18 -064 A “THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TELECOMMUNICATION / BROAD BAND ENTERPRISE FUND, TO SEE IF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD WILL ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F1/2 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ESTABLISHING A TELECOMMUNICATION / BROAD BAND AS AN ENTERPRISE FUND EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.” WHICH WAS TABLED AT THE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilor Stempel read the motion on the table: ORDER NO. FY 18 -064 A UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A TELECOMMUNICATION / BROAD BAND ENTERPRISE FUND, TO SEE IF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD WILL ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F1/2 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ESTABLISHING A TELECOMMUNICATION / BROAD BAND AS AN ENTERPRISE FUND EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Stempel stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a majority negative at the February committee meeting. Discussion was held relating to the information received and hopeful approval of the proposal.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -064 A.

President Renaud stated there wasn't needed to consider the attached Order no. FY 18-080 B as Mr. Lunt discussed earlier.

**Order no. FY 18-081**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL RESCINDS THE FOLLOWING MOTION VOTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018 "ORDER NO. FY 18-066 C: THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD THROUGH ITS TOWN COUNCIL LAYS OUT AND ACCEPT IN SILVER CREST LANE AND SILVER CREST CIRCLE AS A PUBLIC WAY AS DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO THIS MOTION AND MADE A PART OF IT".

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Ricketts stated this order needed to be rescinded to allow the Town Council to vote the motions with restrictions.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO RECIND ORDER NO. FY 18-066 C VOTED ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018.

**Order no. FY 18-082**

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

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE CITY OF GREENFIELD KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD THROUGH ITS TOWN COUNCIL LAYS OUT AND ACCEPT IN SILVER CREST LANE AND SILVER CREST CIRCLE AS A PUBLIC WAY INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF ACCEOPTANCE:

- That the Design Engineer of Record provide a signed certification that the project was built in accordance with the City standards and specifications as
- depicted in the design plans approved by the Planning Board;
- That prior to acceptance of the existing storm water system, the Silver Crest Condominium Association perform the annual maintenance as noted in the provided maintenance manual, including the removal of collected debris in the catch basins and pipe laterals. This should be scheduled for the Spring 2018;
- That the water system be flushed from the hydrant location. This should be scheduled for the Spring 2018;
- That the storm water management agreement be finalized with the Department of Public Works, to include the limits of ownership and responsibilities of both
- the City and the Association. A suitable draft has been submitted and should be approved as a final legally binding document pending final review; and
- That all water service and sewer clean out ties be recorded for all buildings. To date, a majority of these have been recorded.

AS DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A ATTACHED TO THIS MOTION AND MADE A PART OF IT.

**Order no. FY 18-079**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE GREENFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GRA): NANCY E. HAWKINS – TERM TO EXPIRE MARCH, 2021.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Ricketts stated the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -079.

**Order no. FY 18-065**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$85,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 188 MAIN STREET, THE SUM OF \$85,000 TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLITION OF 188 MAIN STREET.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Stempel stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a majority positive, 4 yes and 1 abstention, recommendation. She reviewed discussion held during the subcommittee including, ownership, tax title, and hazard of the structure in the current condition. The Ways and Means Committee also discussed future possible uses for the property after the building was raised. Discussion included:

- Review of previous request to demolish this building and the cost at that time.
- Options for the Council moving forward.
- Action needed for safety.

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

**MOVED:** THAT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE ADDED AFTER THE LAST “STREET”, “CONDITIONED ON NO MUNICIPAL FUNDS OR MUNICIPALLY SECURED GRANT FUNDS ARE TO PAID TO CURRENT LAND OWNER(S) OR SUBSEQUENT OWNER(S) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNTIL THIS APPROPRIATION IS REIMBURSED IN FULL TO THE TOWN BY THE OWNER.

**DISCUSSION:** Discussion included:

- Support the demolition including the amendment.
- The property owner has not paid taxes in recent years.
- The amendment solves the problem of the Town purchasing the property.
- It would take about two to three years to take ownership of the property.
- Concern with waiting to demolish the building.
- The cost of demolition will be added to the back taxes owed.
- Concerned with having vacant properties downtown.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

President Renaud stated the main motion as amended would be considered.

It was by roll call, 12 yes, 0 no,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$85,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 188 MAIN STREET, THE SUM OF \$85,000 TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLITION OF 188 MAIN STREET, CONDITIONED ON NO MUNICIPAL FUNDS OR MUNICIPALLY SECURED GRANT FUNDS ARE TO PAID TO CURRENT LAND OWNER(S) OR SUBSEQUENT OWNER(S) FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY UNTIL THIS APPROPRIATION IS REIMBURSED IN FULL TO THE TOWN BY THE OWNER, AS AMENDED.

**Order no. FY 18-072**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Mass, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$76,000 FOR THE GREEN COMMUNITIES TOWN MATCH, THE SUM OF \$76,000 TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT TOWN MATCH.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Stempel stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation. She reviewed the request and the projects to be completed with the funds.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -072.

**Order no. FY 18-083**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Mass, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATES THE FOLLOWING ZONE CHANGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5: AMEND ZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL TO SEMI RESIDENTIAL FOR 15 ARCH STREET GREENFIELD MA PARCEL LOT 69-74-0.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Ricketts reviewed the request noting the applicant requested the request “not” be initiated for future action.

It was unanimously,

**DEFEATED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -072.

**Order no. FY 18-074**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Mass, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENFIELD HEREBY INITIATE THE FOLLOWING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L.C 40A SECTION 5: CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD SECTION 200-7.15, LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS.

President Renaud stated the proposed Marijuana Zoning amendment had been prematurely placed on agenda; no action would be taken tonight.

**Order no. FY 18-076**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, **MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, In City Council, March 21, 2018, Upon the recommendation of Mayor William F. Martin, 18-076 Order to Accept M.G.L. Ch. 64N, Section 3 (a), Local Option Sales Tax on Marijuana Sales



WHEREAS, by virtue of an initiative petition presented to the voters as Question 4 on the 2016 State Election ballot, the voters of Massachusetts voted to allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of M.G.L. c. 64N, § 3 (a), the legislature has authorized cities and towns to impose a local sales tax upon sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the city or town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate not greater than 3 per cent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products; and,

WHEREAS, the authorization contained in § 3 (a) is a local option, requiring the City Council to accept the provisions thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,**

That the City of Greenfield accepts the provisions of Section 3(a) of M.G.L. Chapter 64N, and hereby imposes a 3 per cent local sales tax on the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer operating within the city as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products to anyone other than a marijuana establishment. Marijuana retailers shall pay said local sales tax to the commissioner of revenue at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due the Commonwealth.

**DISCUSSION:** Councilor Stempel stated the Ways and Means Committee forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation for approval. Discussion included:

- This was a Local Tax in addition to State Tax and proposed allowable limits.
- Review of other municipalities in the Commonwealth also instituting local option taxes.
- Other issues related to zoning for marijuana.
- MMA will be providing webinar training on the topic.

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -029.

**Order no. FY 18-077**

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

**MOVED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF MAYOR MARTIN, AN ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN ASSESSMENT FOR SEWER IMPROVEMENTS UNDER MGL CHAPTER 80, SECTION 1, ORDERED, THAT: THE CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO ASSESS ON EACH PROPERTY OWNER LOCATED ON PICKETT LANE IN THE CITY OF GREENFIELD FOR THE BETTERMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SEWER SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.G.L. CHAPTER 80, SECTION 1.

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

It was unanimously,

**VOTED:** TO APPROVE ORDER NO. FY 18 -077.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Mass announced the committee would meet on Monday, March 26, 2018, 6 pm, 20 Sanderson Street. He noted the agenda item would be Highland Pond.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Leonovich noted the last meeting was cancelled due to snow.

**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE** – Chairperson Stempel spoke of plans for FY 19 Capital and Operational budget meeting dates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilor Allis requested the following be sent to the Appointment and Ordinance Committee for review and consideration to potentially be on the April Town Council agenda for consideration:

**Sponsored by Councilor Allis –3/20/18**

**Co-Sponsored By Councilor Mass**

**Moved that it be ordered that the Greenfield City Council Amends the code of the City of Greenfield by striking chapter**

**“§ 355-50 Annual sewer use charges.**

In addition to the charges listed in § **355-49** of this article, an annual fee shall be charged to every user of the municipal sewage works. The fee so charged shall be established by the Mayor and shall be such as to produce revenues commensurate with the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining all wastewater collection and treatment works. Each user fee so charged shall be calculated so as to reflect the user's fair share of the operating costs based on the volume of the wastewater flows as determined by the Director. The fee shall be reviewed annually and set forth in the Policy on Water and Sewer Service and User Fees.”

**in its entirety and replacing it with the following:**

**“§ 355-50 Annual sewer use charges.**

In addition to the charges listed in § **355-49** of this article, an annual fee shall be charged to every user of the municipal sewage works. The fee so charged shall be established by the Mayor and shall be such as to produce revenues commensurate with the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining all wastewater collection and treatment works. Any increase in the rate exceeding 2 1/2% in a single year shall require approval of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 5% in a single year shall require approval of two-thirds of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 7 1/2% in a single year shall require approval of nine-tenths of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 10% in a single year shall require approval of the voters of the City of Greenfield. Should the Council or voters not approve proposed increases the Mayor shall immediately cut operations and capital spending so that the rate remains commensurate with the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining all wastewater collection and treatment works. Each user fee so charged shall be calculated so as to reflect the user's fair share of the operating costs based on the volume of the wastewater flows as determined by the Director. The fee shall be reviewed annually and set forth in the Policy on Water and Sewer Service and User Fees. No fee increase shall take effect until 30 days following notice to all users either by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail or by publication in a newspaper in general circulation within the City and conspicuously on the municipal website.”

**Sponsored by Councilor Allis –3/1/18**

**Co-Sponsored By Councilor Mass**

**Moved that it be ordered that the Greenfield City Council Amends the code of the City of Greenfield in chapter**

“§ 415-84 Schedule of rates.

The Mayor shall annually set the current water usage rates. The rate shall be based on 100 cubic feet of water usage and be uniform for all accounts.”

**By adding the following:**

“The fee so charged shall be established by the Mayor and shall be such as to produce revenues commensurate with the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining all water delivery and treatment works. Any increase in the rate exceeding 2 1/2% in a single year shall require approval of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 5% in a single year shall require approval of two-thirds of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 7 1/2% in a single year shall require approval of nine-tenths of the Greenfield City Council. Any increase in the rate exceeding 10% in a single year shall require approval of the voters of the City of Greenfield. Should the Council or voters not approve proposed increases the Mayor shall immediately cut operations and capital spending so that the rate remains commensurate with the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining all water delivery and treatment works. Each user fee so charged shall be calculated so as to reflect the user's fair share of the operating costs based on the volume of the water delivery as determined by the Director. The fee shall be reviewed annually and set forth in the Policy on Water and Sewer Service and User Fees. No fee increase shall take effect until 30 days following notice to all users either by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail or by publication in a newspaper in general circulation within the City and conspicuously on the municipal website.”

President Renaud forwarded the request to committee.

Councilor Stempel invited the Town Council and public to participate in a discussion occurring on Thursday, March 22, 2018, Planning Office, 114 Main Street, beginning at 7:30 pm, regarding “livability” focusing on Recreation and Transportation in the Town of Greenfield.

Councilor Stempel held the following first reading:

- Fiscal Year 2019 Capital Budget
  - Appropriate \$80,000 for an Anaerobic Digester Study
  - Appropriate \$120,000 for a Camera System for Police Cruisers and Station
  - Appropriate \$195,000 for GCET Telecommunications Equipment
  - Appropriate \$75,000 for the Green River Sand Filter Beds
  - Appropriate \$80,000 for the replacement of Guard Rails
  - Appropriate \$550,000 for Leyden Wood Pump Station Replacement
  - Appropriate \$65,000 for the purchase of a Mini Excavator
  - Appropriate \$150,000 for Pickett Lane Sewer Main
  - Appropriate \$100,291 for Sewer Inflow and Infiltration
  - Appropriate \$99,709 from Bond Premium Fund for Sewer Inflow and Infiltration
  - Appropriate \$200,000 Sewer Main Replacement
  - Appropriate \$45,000 for Sewer Pickup Truck Replacement
  - Appropriate \$75,000 from Retained Earnings for two (2) projects
  - Appropriate \$250,000 from Free Cash for Six (6) projects
  - Appropriate \$100,000 from Excess Bond Funds for Reconstruction of Scout Road
  - Appropriate \$100,000 from Raise and Appropriate for Highway projects
  - Appropriate \$49,250 from Building Maintenance Stabilization for two (2) projects
  - Appropriate \$200,000 for Water Main Replacement Program
- Appropriate \$10,000 for Poets Seat Tower Improvements

- Approve Payment of a prior years invoices for GovConnect in the amount of \$1,024 to be paid from the FY18 Greenfield Technology Budget
- Approve Payment of a prior years invoices for a Sump Pump Program reimbursements in the amount of \$500 to be paid from the FY18 Sewer Budget
- Appropriate \$499,148 from General Stabilization Fund for 17 FY 18 line items

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Mass, second by Councilor Sund, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** TO DEDICATE A PAGE IN THE MINUTES TO CHARLES MOORE WHO WAS A LONG TIME GREENFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER AND FORMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER.

**MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION:** None.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Mass, it was, **MOVED:** TO ENTER TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REASON #4 TO DISCUSS THE DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES, OR STRATEGIES WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**DISCUSSION:** President Renaud reviewed the motion to go into Executive Session for the Student Councilors. In response to Councilor Dolan she explained additional information would be available once the Town Council entered into Executive Session. Councilor Allis explained the process taken to date.

It was unanimously, by roll call,

**VOTED:** TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 PM FOR REASON #4 TO DISCUSS THE DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES, OR STRATEGIES WITH RESPECT THERETO.

President Renaud stated the Town Council would adjourn from Executive Session.

A true copy,

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

GREENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

GCTV-15  
 Regular Meeting  
 March 21, 2016

	Attendance	Amend YF18-065	FY18-065 as amended	Enter into Executive Session		
1. Sund, Verne	Y	Y	Y	Y		
2. Lobik, John	Y	Y	Y	Y		
3. Allis, Brickett	Y	Y	Y	Y		
4. Muzyka-Pyfrom, Wanda	Y	Y	Y	Y		
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y	Y	Y	Y		
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Y	Y	Y		
7. Wheeler, Otis	Y	Y	Y	Y		
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	Y	Y	Y		
9. Leonovich, Daniel	Y	Y	Y	Y		
10. Mass, Isaac	Y	Y	Y	Y		
11. Renaud, Karen	Y	---	---	---		
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Y	Y	Y		
13. Stempel, Ashley	Y	Y	Y	Y		

12 yes    12 yes    12 yes  
 0 no     0 no     0 no