

Select Board Meeting Minutes 12/06/22

Chair Underhill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The following persons were present Chair Erin Underhill, Vice Chair Craig Schultze, Clerk Ellen Rosenfeld, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, Assistant Town Administrator Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

Announcements

The Board thanked Zach Golden for all his hard work working with Millis Community Media and wished him success in his future endeavors.

The Board recognizes Wayne Klocko for the 25 years he has spent Permanent Building Committee and thanks him for all his hard work and service.

22-256 Appointments

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Timothy Smith, Bret Matthews, and Ryan Deasy as Recruit On-Call firefighters/EMTs pending a physical exam, CORI, and drug screen. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to appoint Jeremy Stull to the Permanent Building Committee and the School Building Committee. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to ratify the Town Administrators appointment of Mark Robbins and Michael Cafro as seasonal snow removal contractors pending a physical exam and CORI. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-257 Discuss Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant Award and Transfer Station

Director of the DPW, Jim McKay states the Sustainable Recovery Program Grant that was awarded totals \$7,200. He then discusses the Transfer station and the concerns of it not being handicap accessible.

Sel. Underhill states a concerned citizen came to her during office hours and mentioned they had recently fallen and since the DPW director has made some changes to help with accessibility. Sel. Underhill states she would like to further discuss the possibility of making the Transfer station handicap accessible.

22-258 Discuss Paving Plan for Winter

The DPW Director, Jim McKay discusses the paving plan for this winter. He states that there is roughly \$608,000 available for paving. He plans to start on Pleasant Street and extend the sidewalk and connect Village Street to Main Street. The next phase would be the road and sidewalks on Plain Street, finally add a sidewalk to Spring Street. Mr. McKay noted that there will be a "Complete Streets" presentation in January which could provide additional funding.

22-259 Police K-9 Unit Program Update

Police Chief, Chris Soffayer gives an update on various grants the Police Department is working on.

Office Sullivan gives an update on the K-9-unit program. He states K9 Nytro joined the Millis Police Department in March of 2022. Nytro graduated Boston Police K9 Academy July 2022 and has been deployed in the last 5 Months. In January 2023 Nytro stats a 6-week narcotic school.

Officer Forsythe the funding potential for a community resource dog. The MD was recently awarded \$15,000 from the Norfolk County District Attorneys office. The funding will pay for the dog and training, The established Millis Police Working Dog Fund will help maintain the program, funding food, treat, collars, crates, leashes, and any other unexpected expenses for the CD K9 or Patrol K9.

Chief Soffayer asks for the Boards support moving forward with the Community resource dog.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to support the Millis Police Department in acquiring a Community Resource Dog. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-260 Approval of DPW Contracts

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the contracts and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Towns behalf for \$165,000 with Kleinfelder for the PFAS treatment plant design, sign for \$56,864 water permit, sign for \$65,293.50 with Stumpy's Tree Service, sign for \$65,940.00 to Liberty Chevrolet, and sign for \$26,966.98 to ATS Equipment for an Air Compressor. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze made a motion to use the PFAS water treatment contingency fund to pay \$9,500 for Tree Removal - vendor to be determined, integrate systems for camera placement for \$25,000. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

22-261 Board/Committee Liaison Updates

Sel. Rosenfeld attended the School Committee Meeting where they discussed the Extended Day program. The program is now down to 110 students, and they raised the rate 15% and are now looking where to find the other 15% needed to cover the costs.

Sel. Underhill attended the Permanent Building Committee Meeting where they discussed and interviewed a new candidate, John Proctor and Jim Duffy were also interested in are joining and are going to be Associate members of the committee.

22-262 Approval of DRAFT Minutes

Sel. Schultze made a motion to approve the DRAFT minutes for 11/7/22 and 11/14/22 pending minor edits. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to enter Executive session at 8:00pm To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union and non-union personnel (SEIU/AFSCME/Professional Firefighters of Millis Local #4704). Sel. Schultze seconded this motion. Sel. Underhill polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler