

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, Councilors J. Donohue,
F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades, A. Waters, M. Johnson

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Director of
Public Works L. Spina

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jennifer Donohue led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza added the New Business items at the request of Councilor
Demetriades:

3. Discussion and possible action on request from the Creative District to approve
the wording on the banners; location was approved at the last Council
meeting.
4. Discussion and possible action on request from the Creative District for
future use of the Pierson Coal Building.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried*
to amend the agenda by adding the above.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried*
to approve the agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

1. ECD Coordinator S. Popper's report
2. Paul Sousa, Board of Education representative.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Commander Gagnon, American Legion Post 105 -Spoke regarding comments
made on social media regarding Valor Green.
2. R. Waters, South Street-Spoke regarding the current paving project.

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Read letter into the record from Representative Christie Carpino regarding the Exit 19 ramp.
- The Chamber presented this year's Chief Michael L. Green Award to Chief Denise Lamontagne.
- Last evening the Board of Education hired Enza Macri as the district's new Superintendent. They also honored SRO Tolton and thanked him for his years of service to the Board of Education.
- He attended ShopRite's Grand Opening. It is a great addition to Cromwell.
- He attended the Flag Day Ceremony at ECS.
- The Traveler's Championship starts next week as well as the Chamber Breakfast.
- He will be marching in Middletown's Pride Parade.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- Distributed a time-line report for Cromwell Landing.
- Distributed a picture and advised the Council unless they object, the present sign (Rt 3 & 372) will be updated with a LED Informational Board.
- He is looking to place a monument sign at the entrance to County Line Road.
- Algonquin Gas gouged County Line Road and they have been contacted to repair the damage.
- The Transfer Station is having problems with brush; as a result brush collection will be suspended until further notice. During that time the definition of brush will be reassessed.
- As soon as a dozer is able to access the back area of Frisbee Park, it will be leveled and grass planted.
- The Splash Pad is still not in operation; this is due to vandalism and the replacement parts are back-ordered.
- Banners will be installed on Golf Club Road welcoming those attending the Traveler's Championship to Cromwell.
- The Highway, Building Maint., Parks and Sewer Crews are very busy and doing an excellent job with projects around town.

H. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Budget Reports

I. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 7.

J. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- The Monthly Incident Report was distributed for May.
- Officer Lima will be graduating on June 26th.
- Officers Dean and Chater are in the last phase of the FTO Program.
- They are in the hiring process to replace two officers and hire a new position.
- Officer Tolton was recognized by the Cromwell Board of Education for his years of service to the School Resource Program.
- The Department is doing a lot of great things; Coffee with the residents of Covenant Village and a visit to the Kindergarten Classes. They, along with Covenant Village and the Cromwell Children's Coalition are also sponsoring camp for three kids. Human Services Co-coordinator Katelynn Puorro was helpful recommending three children that would benefit from attending the camp.
- They are busy working on the Traveler's Championship.

K. PUBLIC WORK'S DIRECTOR UPDATE

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- The crew is working at the Transfer Station and the Highway/Sewer facility.
- Pavement work is being done on Washington, Franklin and Helena Drive
- Coles Road is in the final design; work should begin late summer or early fall.
- The Library will be closed next week due to the construction.

Mayor Faienza called for a 5 minute recess at 8:17 p.m.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on request for Tax Abatement for 150 Country Squire Drive.

EDC Coordinator S. Popper presented the request and introduced Mark Forlenza from Cromwell Village Associates, L.L.C. Mr. Forlenza presented the reasons that they were requesting the abatement.

Economic Development Chairman R. Nobile advised the Town Council that the EDC was in favor of granting the tax abatement as presented.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to approve the tax abatement as outlined in the report (years 1&2 100%, Years 3&4 75%, Years 5&6 75%, Years 7&8 50% and years 9&10 30%).

Aye: A. Waters, J. Donohue, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

2. Grievance, Step 3
 - a. IUOE Local 30, Dan Ouellette

Staff Representative Steve Broderick presented the grievance on behalf of the union.

Public Works Director L. Spina presented the grievance on behalf of the town.

The Councilors were given the opportunity to ask questions of both sides.

After reading the documents presented J. Demetriades questioned if the request had to be made at the time of the passing or at the time the service would be held. A. Salvatore stated that it had to be at the time of passing just in case the request wasn't approved.

Dan Ouellette stated that he was following the chain of command procedure that has been used by all Highway Employees for years and at the time thought that he was following procedure.

Town Manager Salvatore stated that on April 15th he and the union signed an agreement (agreement re: M. Fuller Bereavement Leave Grievance Article 16, Section 3), that Article 16, Section 3 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement would be adhered to. This agreement was necessary because of similar situations of other employees not following the contract and asking the Town Manager for a modification to take bereavement leave at a later time as stated in Article 16, Section 3.

Union Steward P. Bironi spoke on behalf of the union.

R. Newton stated that a procedure has to be established that is clear to all employees.

F. Emanuele stated that our Human Resources Director should be handling these matters.

Town Manager Salvatore stated, since the employees did not understand the agreement the Town made with the Union in April that the contract language would be followed, that he would issue eight hours of bereavement leave and credit Mr. Ouellette back eight hours of comp. This is with the understanding that this matter has been clarified that any future request to postpone the start of bereavement leave, the request will be made to the Town Manager and must be approved in advance by the Town Manager. A. Salvatore stated that going forward the Town will adhere to the contract language and expects the union to do the same.

No action taken

3. Discussion and possible action on request from the Creative District to approve the wording on the banners; location was approved at the last Council meeting.

J. Demetriades and Ann Grasso from the Creative District and Cromwell Arts Alliance presented the request. The banners will be 2x6; the front will state Welcome to Cromwell Creative District and the back will state Now leaving Cromwell Creative District. Both sides will include, A division of the Cromwell Arts Alliance.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve the wording on the banners.

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, J. Donohue, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele

Abstained: J. Demetriades

Motion carried

4. Discussion and possible action on request from the Creative District for approval of future use of the Pierson Coal Building.
J. Demetriades and Ann Grasso from the Creative District and Cromwell Arts Alliance presented the request.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele to give the CCD future use of the Pierson Coal Building.

Amended Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to give the Cromwell Creative District first option for future use of the Pierson Coal Building.

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, J. Donohue, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele

Abstained: J. Demetriades

Motion carried

M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting May 8, 2019

M. Johnson had an issue with the minutes so it was agreed to wait until the next meeting to approve.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to table.

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades

Abstained: J. Donohue (was not a member of the Council for this meeting)

2. Special Meeting June 3, 2019

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by J. Demetriades and *carried* to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019.

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades

Abstained: J. Donohue (was not a member of the Council for this meeting)

O. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

F. Emanuele -Park and Recreation Commission

J. Demetriades -Planning and Zoning

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Re Matus", is written over a horizontal line.

Re Matus
Secretary

05/01/2019 00:00 Thru 05/31/2019 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
911 Hang Up Call	17
Administrative Matter	67
Alarm - All types	9
ALARM-FALSE BILLABLE	33
All Other Offenses	2
Animal Complaint	41
Arson	1
Assist Motorist	27
Assist Other Agency	32
Burglary	3
Car Seat Installation	4
CAR WASH	75
Civil Matter	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	2
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	6
Dis Conduct/BOP	1
Domestic Incident	5
DUI	3
Dumping	2
Escort	1
Fight/Disturbance	5
Fingerprinting	16
FV Protocol / P.A.	2
Harrassing Phone Calls	2
Identity Theft	3
Juvenile Incident	8
K-9 Assist	10
Larceny - From Building	4
Larceny - From MV	1
Larceny -Shoplifting	21
Larceny- Other	1
Liquor Law Violation	1
Medical Emergency	57
MV Accident	19
MV Parking Violation	9
MV Theft	1
MV Violation	160
MVA NR PRIV PROP	16
Neighbor Dispute	1

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Car Seat Installation	4
CAR WASH	75
Civil Matter	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	2
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	6
Dis Conduct/BOP	1
Domestic Incident	5
DUI	3
Dumping	2
Escort	1
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MV Theft	1
MV Violation	160
MVA NR PRIV PROP	16
Neighbor Dispute	1