

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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MINUTES

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

Also present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Director of Public Works L. Spina, Health Coordinator S. Nesci, Public and Press

Absent: Director of Finance M. Sylvester

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Samantha Slade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza added New Business 1a. Discussion and possible action to approve amending Personal Service Establishments, §146-21.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and unanimously carried to approve agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Karen Vaiciulis 75 Rockwell Road, Stafford Springs spoke regarding a personnel issue.

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

Mayor thanked Samantha Slade for her excellent service to the Council; tonight is her last meeting as she will be deployed soon. Council wished her well during her absence from the Town.

Chief Lamontagne will be the recipient of the Michael Green award on June 5th. Scholarship information from the Cromwell Arts Alliance was presented.

Children's garden volunteer day went well with many volunteers. Kudos to Heather Polke for all of her work with this project.

Jennifer Donohue's name was presented to take S. Slade's position on the Council effective in June. A Special meeting will be held the first week of June to ratify this candidate's position on the Council.

Mayor thanked everyone regarding the budget being passed with a stable mill rate.

Chamber meeting will be held tomorrow morning at Brizo in Rocky Hill.

Grand Openings for new businesses in Town will be soon.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

Manager Salvatore concurred with the Mayor in regards to the zero increase in the mill rate and thanked everyone for their hard work with the budget process.

Manager Salvatore has been named Chairman of the lower river valley council of government (COG).

Department of Public Works employees were recognized for doing a great job with the transfer station project.

Library expansion project is moving along with completion hopefully by the end of the June.

Road work improvements have started and also pm work on the bricks at the Town Hall.

Vandalism has occurred at Watrous Park. Police Department is handling the investigation.

Law suit has been received today from Atty. Kramer in Rocky Hill. Copies will be sent to council members.

Council was asked that Personnel issues be discussed with the Manager and not on Facebook.

Kudos to Finance Director M. Sylvester regarding bonds.

H. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Town Manager reported for Finance Director:

Finance Director M. Sylvester is projecting an operating surplus after the close of the fiscal year but still too early to project the amount.

As stated last month (April 24th meeting), we have a few areas of concern, including Elections Department (\$3,500) and Legal Expenses (\$15,000-\$20,000), but should have sufficient funds to offset any departmental deficits within other areas.

2019-2020 budget passed; Mill rate set with no increase over 2018-2019.

Bond sale is anticipated to move forward next week. Market conditions are favorable at this time.

I. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

2. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and unanimously carried to approve refunding 1-3.

J. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

Chief Lamontagne handed out Incident Statistics Report

Officer Dean and Officer Chater are in their second phase of their field training Program.

Officer Lima is doing well in the Academy.

Officer Hennessey's field training was extended and at the end, his employment was separated with the Town.

Working on the Memorial Day Parade.

Working on the Traveler's Tournament.

Officer Tolton is working on the recent vandalism at Watrous Park.

Officer Tolton is finishing his last school year as a School Resource

Officer and will be moving to the Youth Detective Division.

Detective Jones is working on leads to three recent burglaries.

K. PUBLIC WORK'S DIRECTOR UPDATE

Public Works Director Spina reported:

Pavement Management - purchase orders have been issued to two separate

Contractors of State bid for the rehabilitation of the following roads:

Washington Road, Franklin Road, Wind Wood Road, Patricia Lane, Highridge Road and Helena Drive.

DPW Facility - Town crews continue to prepare area for relocation of transfer Station and new building. Town crews are doing a great job.

Town Hall - contractor is currently resealing all window sills and all brown stone around perimeter of building.

Mayor Faienza called for a recess at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:10 p.m.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to amend Field Usage policy

Town Manager proposed a field usage policy which was handed out to Councilors. Lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and unanimously carried to move forward with the field usage policy. Ayes: E. Faienza, R. Newton, A. Waters, S. Slade, F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades. M. Johnson abstained from voting.

2. Presentation by the Cromwell Creative District.

Overview presented by J. Demetriades included:

Future use of Pierson Coal Building (aka Sewer Garage)

Geographic map: request boundary locations from Town Engineer
Banners on Route 99
Cromwell Arts Alliance Booth at Farmer's Market; paint by number
Mural (host location to be approved)
Future ideas: Historic walking audio tour, films, Cromwell Art Walk, etc.

Benefits to the Town:

Promotes economic vitality on historic Main Street
Offers community programming and socialization opportunities
Creates tourism destinations
Utilizes town properties

Motion made by S. Slade *seconded* by F. Emanuele *and unanimously carried* to move forward with the Cromwell Creative District.

2a. Discussion and possible action to approve amending Personal Service Establishments, §146-21.

Coordinator S. Nesci presented item 2a. to the Council.

Motion made by F. Emanuele *seconded* by R. Newton *and unanimously carried* to approve item 2a.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting, April 24, 2019

Motion made by S. Slade *seconded* by A. Waters *and unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of April 24, 2019.

N. APPOINTMENTS

1. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

a. Joseph Corlis, reappointment regular member, term expires 12/22

Motion made by R. Newton *seconded* by F. Emanuele *and unanimously carried* to approve Mr. Corlis's reappointment to I/W.

O. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

M. Johnson - Redevelopment Agency

A. Waters - Economic Development Commission

S. Slade - Recreation Committee, Fire Commission

E. Faienza

R. Newton - Inland/Wetlands, Sewer Commission

F. Emanuele - Board of Education

J. Demetriades - Planning and Zoning, LGBT Committee

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade *seconded* by R. Newton *and unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at **9:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Marion Bironi
Acting Secretary