

TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2018  
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. LaMontagne, Director of  
Finance M. Sylvester, Human Resources Coordinator B. Price and Director of  
Recreation candidate, S. Kieras

*Mayor Faienza called for a moment of silence for the victims and families of the  
Florida shooting.*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Myron Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Removing K. Financial, 2 & 3 from the agenda

Adding P. Appointments, Senior Commission, c. Ann Grasso and d. Library  
Commission, d. Al Dickerson.

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

**D. NEW BUSINESS (1)**

**1. Introduction of Part-time Human Resources Coordinator.**

Town Manager A. Salvatore introduced Bonnie Price to the Council. Ms. Price  
received a warm welcome.

**2. Discussion and action to approve Town Manager's appointment of a Recreation  
Director.**

Town Manager A. Salvatore introduced Scott Kieras to the Council.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried*  
to approve Town Manager's appointment pending finishing the background  
investigation.

**E. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT**

Board of Education liaison P. Sousa updated the Council on recent Board of Education activities.

**F. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Billy Prevatte – gave kudos to the Cromwell Fire and Police Department.
2. L. Gagnon, Court Street, Thanked the Council for appointing the American Legion as Agent of the Town for the Memorial Day Parade and also for the donation.
3. R. Waters, South Street -Spoke regarding several items.

**G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Attended the Quarterly Pension Meeting and reported that the pension is healthy and 92% funded.
- Enjoyed attending the Covenant Village Monthly Meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Baio will resume the Mid-State Mayor's Meetings.
- A Public Forum will be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> and the Budget Meetings will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended meeting with Superintendent John Maloney regarding 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> graders classes in Government.

**H. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- All lawsuits are status-quo.
- Will meet with Superintendent Maloney regarding cost sharing, non-educational services and the Board of Education joining forces with our Finance Department.
- Reestablishing talks with Fire Department to share services.
- Working on Budgets with Department heads.
- Kudos to Health Director W. Bell for running the recent flu clinic.
- Commended Senior/Human Services Director A. Saada for obtaining a grant to purchase 6 iPads.
- Meeting with Superintendent John Maloney regarding who owns the Little League Fields. He will propose a written agreement that the Town of Cromwell will control the property.
- Attended the Rocky Hill Town Council Meeting and received a Memorandum of Understanding to widen and maintain the road.

**I. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT**

Chief LaMontagne reported:

- Monthly Incident Report was distributed for January
- Officers Carlson and Bane are attending Drug Narcotics Training
- Bane received a generous gift of a stab & bulletproof vest from an anonymous donor
- Chief spoke about a recent incident of jackpotting that occurred in Cromwell. Cromwell is the first department in the United States to make an arrest for jackpotting. Chief gave Kudos to all that were involved for the arrest.

**J. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- Public Works Director Spina has been out but is making a full recovery.
- Acting Public Works Director J. Harriman is doing an outstanding job.
- The crew is doing outstanding job with the Winter Storms but he is entitled to ask for reports from them if he feels he needs one.
- Equipment needs are being addressed.
- The Parks Department is cutting and chipping brush.
- Gave updates on the Willowbrook Road, Coles Road and North Road Extension Culvert projects.
- Public Works Spina and Town Engineer J. Harriman are reviewing the Road Management Study to plan the paving projects for the coming year.

**K. FINANCIAL**

**1. Tax Refunds**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 15.

**L. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Finance Director Sylvester

- Budget Reports were included in the packet.
- At this time there are no significant issues.
- Tax Collections are strong.
- They are going out for a Banking RFP

*F. Emanuele left the meeting*

**M. NEW BUSINESS (2)**

**1. Discussion and action to approve Assistant Public Works Director/Town Engineer job description.**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton to approve the Assistant Public Works Director/Town Engineer job description.

After a short discussion Town Manager Salvatore recommended that this item be moved to Executive Session so he could answer the question regarding what extra benefits this position would receive. It could not be discussed in open session; the matter is still being negotiated with the union. Councilors Waters and Johnson were against this position because they have issues with the person. R. Newton stated that this is not about the person it is about the position.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *carried to table*.

Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, S. Slade, James Demetriades

Nay: E. Faienza, R. Newton

S. Slade said that she voted to table was because she would like to have information regarding what benefit would be offered to the position.

Town Manager Salvatore stated that is what he is planning on discussing in Executive Session. Discussion followed as to the possibility of adding this item to Executive Session. The consensus of the Council was that a person that voted in favor of tabling this item could move to rescind the vote.

**Motion** made by J. Demetriades seconded by S. Slade and *carried to rescind the motion to table*.

Aye: S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Nay: A. Waters, M. Johnson

**Motion carried**

2. Discussion and action to set up donation account for the Mayor's Gala.

Mayor Faienza advised that this request is to deposit funds in a Special Town Account and then pay the bills for the Mayor's Gala through Accounts Payable. A heated exchange between M. Johnson and Mayor Faienza occurred because of accusations Mr. Johnson made against the Mayor stating that this request is inappropriate and he is close to the line.

Town Manager Salvatore stated that this is not a political event and it was vetted by the Town Attorney.

**Motion** made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *carried to approve setting up a donation account for the Mayor's Gala*.

Aye: A. Waters, S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

*It is unclear how M. Johnson voted.*

**N. STAFF REPORTS**

None

**O. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, January 10, 2018

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *carried to approve the minutes of January 10, 2018. Correcting the spelling of the millennials.*

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

Abstained: S. Slade (was unable to attend the meeting)

**P. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Library Commission
  - a. Barbara Grotheer, reappointment, Term expires 2/22
  - b. Kathy Newton, reappointment, Term expires 2/22
  - c. Al Dickerson
2. Senior Services Commission
  - d. Ann Grasso

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments a-d.

**Q. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

- J. Demetriades - Planning and Zoning
- M. Johnson - Redevelopment Agency
- A. Waters - Senior Services Commission - Historical Society - EDC
- S. Slade - St. Patrick Day Parade

**R. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Discuss the lease, sale or purchase, or acquisition of real estate by the Town of Cromwell.

**Motion** made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to add Union Negotiations, Assistant Director of Public Works Job Description into Executive Session.

Aye: M. Johnson, S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Nay: A. Waters

*Motion carried*

2. Union Negotiations
  - a. Assistant Public Works Director

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the lease, sale or purchase, or acquisition of real estate by the Town of Cromwell and Union Negotiations at 9:03 p.m.

Town Manager A. Salvatore was invited into Executive Session.

**Motion** made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 9:59p.m.

- a. Action if necessary
- Item 1. No Action Taken

Item 2: (New Business item M 1.)

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve the Assistant Public Works Director Job Description.

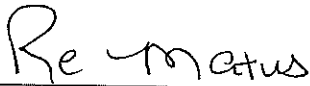
Aye: S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Nay: A. Waters, M. Johnson

**S. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Re Matus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Re Matus  
Secretary

## Incident Statistics Report

01/01/2018 00:00 Thru 01/31/2018 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
911 Hang Up Call	7
Administrative Matter	19
Alarm - All types	17
ALARM-FALSE BILLABLE	39
Animal Complaint	19
Assault, Simple	1
Assist Motorist	31
Assist Other Agency	42
Car Seat Installation	2
Civil Matter	5
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	3
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	2
Domestic Incident	3
DUI	3
Escort	4
False Pretenses/Swindling	1
Fight/Disturbance	1
Fingerprinting	26
FV Protocol / P.A.	6
Harrassing Phone Calls	1
Identity Theft	5
Impaired / Intox Person	1
Juvenile Incident	6
Larceny - From Building	2
Larceny - From MV	1
Larceny -Shoplifting	4
Larceny- Other	2
Medical Emergency	45
MV Accident	32
MV Abandoned	1
MV Parking Violation	8
MV Theft	1
MV Violation	167
MVA NR PRIV PROP	13
Neighbor Dispute	1
Noise Complaint	5
Nursing Home Fax Report	6
Property Check	311
Property Lost/Found	11

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Call Type Description	Total for Period
Record Only Call	5
Road Cond/TCS Out	23
Runaway	1
See Complainant	26
Serve Warrant INFO	2
Suspicious Activity	44
TEST CALL	4
Threaten/Harass/Intimidation	1
Town Ordinance	11
Traffic Assignment	9
Unfounded Complaint	13
Untimely Death	2
Unwanted Person	2
Well Being Check	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1007</b>