

MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DECEMBER 3, 2020

A meeting of the North Haven Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in conference room #1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present:

Michael J. Freda, First Selectman
William J. Pieper, Second Selectman
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman

Staff:

Valerie Goodkin, Executive Assistant

Mr. Freda called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Selectman Pieper and Selectwoman Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda and the Selectmen then proceeded in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of November 5, 2020.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Freda noted that because we had a presentation from the Fire Chief he was dispensing with his regular overview. He welcomed Fire Chief Paul Januszewski and Attorney Jeff Donofrio who were attending via ZOOM.

Mr. Freda then welcomed Miss Buemi to comment. Miss Buemi stated that she requested the Fire Chief attend the meeting to discuss the Town of North Haven's recent change to the Primary Service Area Responder (PSAR). She felt that the citizens along with herself would like to know more about the change and how it may affect the Town.

Chief Januszewski proceeded with a very in-depth time line of events and circumstances surrounding the PSAR and how the Town has now come to be awarded the PSAR. He explained that the regulations that govern the PSAR are in accordance with C.G.S. §19a-181b. The Town of North Haven has held the first responder PSAR since roughly the 1970's. AMR has held the BLS (Basic Life Support) PSA for over 30 years, with the majority of calls being BLS. The ALS (Advanced Life Support) was undecided until 2016 when he started to pursue on behalf of the North Haven Fire Department. Chief Januszewski provided an explanation of the lack of transparency and inconsistencies with the services of AMR including the decrease in the number of North Haven Fire Department intercepts over the last several years. The Chief advised that the Department of Public Health Hearing Officer ruled in our favor on September 25, 2020 making the decision that the Town now owned the PSAR. On October 21, 2020 the Town entered into an Operational Agreement for Ambulance and Medical Transportation Services with

Nelson Ambulance Service. He stated that there is no financial impact to the Town and provided many of the benefits of this arrangement. Miss Buemi asked the Chief numerous questions pertaining to the Agreement and also the logistics of how the Town's ownership of the PSAR may impact the residents and taxpayers. She also inquired about the Bundle Billing Agreement. The Chief stated that the Agreement has not been finalized as of yet, but would provide a copy when completed. Attorney Donofrio commented that the PSAR is statutorily heavily regulated and two separate Hearing Officers found that the Town was the best option to hold the PSAR. The discussion continued at length, with Miss Buemi suggesting that the Chief come back before the Board in approximately 9 months to give an update. The Chief agreed to come back at the request of the First Selectman and Mr. Freda stated he would be happy to have him back. The Board thanked the Chief and Attorney Donofrio and concluded the ZOOM presentation.

Prior to voting on the following resolution, Mr. Freda explained that the Town had applied for a STEAP grant to assist with the cost of replacing the now defunct library boilers. He was pleased to announce that the State did award the Town the grant in the amount of \$117,150.00 and thanked everyone involved in assisting with the grant and the award.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to approve the following resolution:
VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Resolution Small Town Economic Assistance Program Act (STEAP) Replacement of North Haven Memorial Library Boilers:

Whereas, pursuant of Connecticut General Statutes 4-66g, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects: and

Whereas, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of North Haven make an application to the State for \$117,150.00 in order to undertake the Replacement of North Haven Memorial Library Boilers and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen (1) that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. 4-66g. (2) That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Town of North Haven in an amount not to exceed \$117,150.00 is hereby approved and that Michael J. Freda, First Selectman and Chief Elected Official is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decision, and revision thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of North Haven.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of the following resolution:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Resolved: The Town of North Haven authorize the auction and disposal of a surplus Fire Department vehicle. At present, there is (1) vehicle leaving the fleet and available for auction. The vehicle is identified as a, 1991 Pierce Dash fire engine. The Director of Finance, Edward Swinkoski, is authorized to determine acceptable bid offers and or take said vehicle to alternate auction location. All revenue received will return to the North Haven general fund.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Fran Bartlett (D), 216 Quinnipiac Avenue, #210, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Deacon Ronnie Bicknell (R), 12 Patten Road, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Donna Levine (D), 23 LeGrand Road, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Kimberly Yates Carew (U), 55 Mansfield Road, to the Commission on Aging for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of David Carney, 56 Hayward Road, Hamden, as the Animal Control Officer, for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Chrystal Rashba, 76 Clifton Street, Wallingford, CT, as the Assistant Animal Control Officer for a one (1) year term to expire December 31, 2021.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Philip Kinsella (U), 135 Tokeneke Drive, to the Building Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Kristen M. Brandt (D), 25 Cella Terrace, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Donna L. Malley (U), 18 Algonquin Drive, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Michael Nappe (U), 315 Skiff Street, to the Community Services Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Stephen Fontana (D), 23 Angel Place, to the Economic Development Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Walter L. Mann (R), 7 Benedict Drive, to the Economic Development Commission for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Thomas J. Wydra (U), 14 Katie Lane, to the Board of Ethics for a three (3) year term to expire December 31, 2023.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the reappointment of Anthony P. Solli (U), 53 Fieldstone Court to the Housing Authority for a five (5) year term to expire December 31, 2025.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the reappointment of Joan Walsh (U), 577 Pool Road, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a four (4) year term to expire December 31, 2024.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the following bond release:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #P17-26 201 Clintonville Road
Amount of original bond \$20,000.00
Current balance of bond \$20,000.00
Release the entire bond balance with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Pieper motioned with a second from Miss Buemi for the following bond release:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #117-08 201 Clintonville Road
Amount of original bond \$2,500.00
Current balance of the bond \$2,500.00
Release the entire bond balance with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the following bond release:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- #117-05 47-49 Sackett Point Road
Amount of original bond \$2,500.00
Current balance of the bond \$2,500.00
Release the entire bond balance with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper for the approval of following property tax refunds:

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi – yes

- Beckham, Ria – 29 Jensen Lane, in the amount of \$93.54.
- Cab East LLC – PO Box 67000, Dept 231601, Detroit, MI 48267, in the amount of \$335.68; and in the amount of \$326.86.
- Capozziello, Rose – 10 Hidden Pond Road, in the amount of \$6.21.
- Daddio, Marc / Daddio, Jennifer – 2520 Broadbridge Avenue, Stratford, CT 06614, in the amount of \$146.77.
- Enterprise FM Trust – 9315 Olive Blvd, Saint Louis, MO 63132, in the amount of \$256.15; and in the amount of \$220.84; and in the amount of \$530.23; and in the amount of \$353.52; and in the amount of \$259.18; and in the amount of \$117.99.
- Ghiroli, Judith – 90 Old Kiln Road, in the amount of \$13.30.
- Green Check Verified Inc – 262 State Street, in the amount of \$105.36.
- JP Morgan Chase Bank – PO Box 901098, Fort Worth, TX 76101, in the amount of \$184.16.
- Lovorgna, Christopher – 51 Fallon Drive, in the amount of \$263.11.
- Lemere, Janet – 11251 80th Ave. Apt 103, Seminole, Florida 33772, in the amount of \$12.81.
- Miller, William V 3rd / Holm, Autumn – 216 Quinnipiac Avenue Apt 315, in the amount of \$49.02.
- Searles, Richard & Kim – 30 Mansfield Avenue, Apt 1105, Northford, CT 06472, in the amount of \$168.60.

- The Contiguity Group, Inc. – 262 State Street, in the amount of \$52.84.
- Toyota Lease Trust – 20 Commerce Way, Ste 800, Woburn, MA 01801, in the amount of \$193.75; and in the amount of \$158.82; and in the amount of \$293.22; and in the amount of \$218.82; and in the amount of \$542.27; and in the amount of \$194.61; and in the amount of \$114.58; and in the amount of \$181.43; and in the amount of \$317.64; and in the amount of \$126.17; and in the amount of \$478.04; and in the amount of \$383.08; and in the amount of \$145.46; and in the amount of \$179.16; and in the amount of \$69.16; and in the amount of \$114.58; and in the amount of \$191.91; and in the amount of \$145.46; and in the amount of \$219.65; and in the amount of \$256.36; and in the amount of \$379.73; and in the amount of \$516.64; and in the amount of \$333.83.
- US Bank NA – PO Box 3427, Oshkosh, WI 54902, in the amount of 101.28.
- USB Leasing LT – 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902, in the amount of \$723.12; and in the amount of \$134.76; and in the amount of \$283.57.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021 in conference room 1 of the North Haven Memorial Town Hall.

The Selectmen each concluded with sharing their personal closing remarks wishing everyone a very happy and safe holiday.

With no additional business before the Board, Miss Buemi motioned with a second from Mr. Pieper to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

VOTE: Freda – yes; Pieper – yes; Buemi –yes