



Thomas M. Bowes
President
District 3

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2

Sean E. Powers
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

August 12, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council Vice President Powers was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Sean Powers, Vice President
Shannon Hume
Stephen O'Brien
Michael Owens
Paul Dan Clifford
Charles Kokoros
Charles Ryan

Not Present: Thomas Bowes, President
John Mullaney

Others: Edward Spellman, Finance Director
Barbara Mello, Grant Writer & Contract Administrator
James Casey, Town Clerk
Paul McSoley, Finance Co-ordinator, Police Department

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 061 14 Councilor Clifford: Ground Breaking – Fallen Heroes Memorial at New Seaport Square Park
- 062 14 Councilor Powers: Recognition Citation – Nicholas Toepfer and Abigail Toepfer

Councilor Kokoros wanted to thank Braintree Town Council for supporting Babe Ruth Baseball. Councilor Kokoros wanted to Congratulate Massachusetts 10 year old State Champions from Braintree.

Councilor Kokoros wanted to Congratulate the Junior Legion Team on their hard work and great accomplishments.

Councilor Kokoros mentioned Barstow Road issues about National Grid are being addressed and hopes to have a solution soon.

Councilor O'Brien attended the swearing in of 5 new Braintree Police Officers. They were told to be active in "civic and community" participation. He was happy to see a few of the new officers at the National Night Out event this evening.

Councilor Powers commented: I think it is great that some of the new Police Officers are living here and now working here.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July 15, 2014

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **14 048 Mayor: FY2014 Supplemental Appropriations #4 or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor O'Brien, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means reported that the committee recommended favorable action.

Council Vice-President Powers asked if any members of the Council or General Public would like to speak on Order 14 048. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Ryan
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor Kokoros read the following motion:

1. Law

MOTION: That the sum of \$7,500 be transferred from Human Resources Department/ Program 04 Employee Benefits / Group Health and Life Insurance line to the Law Department / Program 01 – Administration / Legal Services line.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve
Second: by Councilor O'Brien
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor Kokoros read the following motion:

2. Police

MOTION: That the sum of \$24,612 be transferred from Human Resources Department/ Program 06 Veterans Benefits / benefits line to the Police Department / Program 04 – Patrol Bureau / Educational line.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve
Second: by Councilor O'Brien
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor Kokoros read the following motion:

3. Police

MOTION: That the sum of \$17,550 be transferred from Department of Public Works / Program 02 Facilities Management / Department Head line to the Police Department/ Program 05 Communications / Other Police Persons line.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve
Second: by Councilor O'Brien
Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor Kokoros read the following motion:

4. Police

MOTION: That the sum of \$402 be transferred from Human Resources Department / Program 04 Employee Benefits / Group Health and Life Insurance line, the sum of \$388 be transferred from Human Resources Department/ Program 06 Veterans Benefits / Benefits line and the sum of \$2,450 be transferred from Department of Public Works / Program 02 Facilities Management / Department Head line for a total of \$3,240 to be transferred to the Police Department / Program 05 Communications / Overtime line.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

• **14 049 Mayor: Appropriation – Hollingsworth Playground or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor O'Brien, Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means reported that the committee recommended favorable action.

Council Vice-President Powers asked if any members of the Council or General Public would like to speak on Order 14 049. No one came forward.

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close public hearing

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

Councilor Kokoros read the following motion:

BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS "OUR COMMON BACKYARDS" GRANT PROGRAM AND ACCEPT ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT; FURTHERMORE THAT THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE APPROPRIATES THE SUM OF TWO-HUNDRED AND THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$230,487) TO PAY COSTS OF REPAIRS,

RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO HOLLINGSWORTH PARK, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERETO, AND THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW SAID AMOUNT UNDER AND PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7(25) OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN THEREFOR. THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE BORROWED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER SHALL BE REDUCED TO THE EXTENT OF ANY GRANTS, GIFTS OR OTHER FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN TO PAY COSTS OF REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO HOLLINGSWORTH PARK DESCRIBED ABOVE, WHICH AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED TO TOTAL APPROXIMATELY \$145,787, AND FURTHERMORE THAT PARCEL 1068-0-3 OFF POND STREET, KNOWN AS HOLLINGSWORTH PARK, BE PERMANENTLY DEDICATED TO PARK, RECREATION, AND PLAYGROUND PURPOSES, PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 45, SECTION 3, AND THAT A PERMANENT RESTRICTION TO THAT EFFECT BE RECORDED AT THE NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS ON TERMS DEEMED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN BY THE MAYOR, AND THAT THIS PARCEL SHALL BE UNDER THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RECREATION DIVISION.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

NEW BUSINESS

• **14 050 Town Clerk: Call of the State Primary election, September 9, 2014 (SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUIRED)**

Council Vice-President Powers stated if there are no objections we will take up Order 14 050. No members objected.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

• **14 054 Mayor: Re-appointment John Keaveney to the Weymouth-Braintree Regional-Recreation Conservation Commission (SAME NIGHT ACTION REQUIRED)**

Council Vice-President Powers stated if there are no objections we will take up Order 14 054. No members objected.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Bowes, Mullaney)

At 7:55pm Councilor Clifford left for the evening.

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means

- **14 055 Mayor: Line Item Transfers to Fund Police Superior Officers and International Association of Fire Fighters Collective Bargaining Agreements or take up any action relative thereto**
- **14 056 Mayor: Disposition of Land – one-acre parcel on West Division Street or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to refer Orders 14 055 and 14 056 to the Committee on Ways & Means.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Orders 14 055 and 14 056 to committee

Second: by Councilor Ryan

Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (3-Bowes, Clifford, Mullaney)

Refer to Committee on Public Works

- **14 051 National Grid: Petition – 1727 Liberty Street or take up any action relative thereto**
- **14 053 National Grid: Petition – Howie Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to refer Orders 14 051 and 14 053 to the Committee on Public Works.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer Orders 14 051 and 14 053 to committee

Second: by Councilor Powers

Vote: For (6), Against (0), Absent (3-Bowes, Clifford, Mullaney)

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- July 15, 2014 Council Minutes
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