

Sean E. Powers  
President  
At Large

Shannon L. Hume  
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros  
District 1

John C. Mullaney  
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes  
District 3



Charles B. Ryan  
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

# NOVEMBER 21, 2017

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

Present: Sean Powers, President  
Charles Ryan, Vice President  
Thomas Bowes  
Paul Dan Clifford  
Shannon Hume  
John Mullaney  
Michael Owens

Not Present: Charles Kokoros  
Stephen C. O'Brien

Also Present: Joe Reynolds, Chief of Staff  
Ed Spellman, Finance Director  
James Arsenault, DPW Director  
Christine Stickney, Planning & Community Development Director  
Al Varraso, American Legion  
John Pelosi, American Legion  
Tim Carey, Councilor-elect  
Peter Thompson, resident  
Patrick Sullivan, BHS Class President

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 089 17 Council President: Braintree-opoly game  
Patrick Sullivan BHS Class President explained the Braintree-opoly game is for sale and proceeds go towards the Senior class. They cost \$30 each.
- 090 17 Council President: Thanksgiving Rally – BHS Captains/Coaches  
In attendance for our Thanksgiving Rally is the BHS Football Captains and Coaches and the BHS Dance Team Captains and Coaches.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- NONE

## OLD BUSINESS

- 17 073 Town Clerk: Adoption of Code or take up any action relative thereto

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 073

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to TABLE and CONTINUE the Public Hearing to the next Council meeting on December 5, 2017

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 17 072 Mayor: Request for Funding CPA Restoration Project Union School aka American Legion or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 072

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

Council President Powers referred to Councilor Bowes (Committee Vice-Chair) for Committee of Ways & Means recommendation. Councilor Bowes stated the committee unanimously voted a favorable recommendation to the full Council. Councilor Bowes stated thank you to Al Varraso and John Pelosi for your work and past service.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 072?

Councilor Hume stated in 2019 the American Legion will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Let's keep this on track so we can celebrate with a newly renovated building.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 072

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

MOTION read by Councilor Ryan:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, appropriate \$650,000.00 from the CPA Unreserved account for the preservation and restoration construction of the historic exterior and universal accessibility project of the former Union School located at 435 Washington Street. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and by the Director of Planning and Community Development.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 17 074 Mayor: Request for Funding CPA Architectural Services Union School aka American Legion or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 074

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

Council President Powers referred to Councilor Bowes (Committee Vice-Chair) for Committee of Ways & Means recommendation. Councilor Bowes stated the committee unanimously voted a favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 074?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 074

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

MOTION read by Councilor Ryan:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the General Laws and with the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, appropriate \$115,000.00 from the CPA Historic Resources account for architectural services of construction and bidding documents for the purpose of an historic exterior and universal accessibility project to the Union School located at 435 Washington Street. Said funds are to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and by the Director of Planning and Community Development.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 17 075 Mayor: Police Department Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Open Public Hearing for Order 17 075

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan  
**Second:** by Councilor Bowes  
**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

Council President Powers referred to Councilor Bowes (Committee Vice-Chair) for Committee of Ways & Means recommendation. Councilor Bowes stated the committee brought a favorable motion to the full Council.

Councilor Clifford stated this is too long for a police officer to wait for reimbursement.

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 075?

Council President Powers read the question asked our Town Auditors, "Is it normal operating procedure for an end of year budget analysis to include looking into any and all unpaid bills?..."

This response was submitted by our Town Auditor, Daniel Sullivan and read by Council President Powers.

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 075

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

(Pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §64, this vote requires a **two-thirds** vote of the Town Council.)

MOTIONS read by Councilor Ryan:

- 1) That the sum of \$625.00 be Re-appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2018 Police Department program 04 Patrol, Uniform Allowance line 01-21004-5491 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to Officer Jordan for the reimbursement of the purchase of body armor which was incurred prior to July 1, 2015 which was not in excess of the fiscal year 2015 appropriation.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 2) That the sum of \$601.85 be Re-appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2018 Police Department program 06 Detective Bureau, Evidence processing supplies line 01-21006-5488 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to US Fleet Tracking two unpaid invoices for tracking devices which was incurred prior to July 1, 2017 which was not in excess of the fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 3) That the sum of \$3,250.00 be Re-appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2018 Police Department program 01 Administration, Medical payments line 01-21001-5308 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to Gerald Sweet Ph.D. for a fitness for duty evaluation report which was incurred prior to July 1, 2017 which was not in excess of the fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

- 4) That the sum of \$1,230.57 be Re-appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2018 Police Department program 06 Detective Bureau, Evidence processing supplies line 01-21006-5488 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to Trittech Forensics for three unpaid invoices for evidence processing supplies which was incurred prior to July 1, 2017 which was not in excess of the fiscal year 2017 appropriation.

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- NONE

Councilor Ryan read the following Motions for referrals to committee:

### **Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means**

- 17 076 Mayor: Tax Rate Classification or take up any action relative thereto

**Motion:** by Councilor Ryan

**Second:** by Councilor Bowes

**Vote:** For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, O'Brien), Abstain (0)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:18p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Cimino

Clerk of the Council

## **Documents provided for Meeting**

- 17 073 Town Clerk: Adoption of Code or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 17 072 Mayor: Request for Funding CPA Restoration Project Union School aka American Legion or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 17 074 Mayor: Request for Funding CPA Architectural Services Union School aka American Legion or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 17 075 Mayor: Police Department Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)
- 17 076 Mayor: Tax Rate Classification or take up any action relative thereto