

MINUTES OF THE BRAINTREE TOWN COUNCIL
Council Chambers, Cahill Auditorium, Town Hall

February 26, 2008

Present: Leland A. Dingee, President
Charles B. Ryan, Vice-President
Harold J. Randolph
Charles C. Kokoros
John C. Mullaney
Thomas M. Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald E. DeNapoli
Paul Dan Clifford

Also Present: Donna Fabiano, Town Clerk

Council President Dingee called the Town Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All Councilors answered to a roll call.

Announcements

Status of Clerk of the Council and Town Auditor Positions

Council President Dingee received a letter from Mayor Sullivan stating that he approved the Council's requests for funding the two new positions created by the Council, specifically the Town Auditor and Clerk of the Council positions. President Dingee informed the Council that these positions will be advertised and a sub-committee will be formed to conduct interviews for these two positions.

Braintree Fund for Education

Council Vice-President Ryan stated that the Braintree Fund for Education will hold their annual fundraiser on March 14 from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at Florian Hall.

Councilor Kokoros stated that the building of St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church is completed and they will be holding a ceremony on March 29 at 6:00 p.m. He asked Council President Dingee for permission to put together a citation from the Council. President Dingee approved this request.

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting – February 6, 2008

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to approve the Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2008

SECOND: by Councilor Kokoros

VOTE: Unanimous

Elder Affairs and Veterans' Services Committee – January 15, 2008

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to approve the Elder Affairs and Veterans' Services Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2008

SECOND: by Councilor Kokoros

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARINGS

08-018 *Request for re-appropriation for Human Resources Consultant*

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to open Public Hearing 08-018

SECOND: by Councilor Kokoros

VOTE: Unanimous

Council President Dingee stated that this request was before the full Council several weeks ago. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee and was unanimously approved.

Council Vice-President Ryan read the proper motion: Be it ordained by the Town Council for the Town of Braintree that the sum of \$15,000 be re-appropriated from the Personnel Department/Personnel Services/Department Head line item to the Personnel Department/General Expense/Consultant

line item for the purpose of funding the contract with a Human Resources Consultant.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to approve measure 08-018

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

Council President Dingee asked for any questions from the public. There were no questions or comments.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to close Public Hearing
08-018

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

08-019 *Request for re-appropriation for Town Solicitor*

Council President Dingee stated that this request was before the full Council several weeks ago. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee and was unanimously approved.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to open Public Hearing
08-019

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

Council Vice-President Ryan read the proper motion: Be it ordained by the Town Council for the Town of Braintree that the sum of \$37,000 be re-appropriated from the Legal Department/General Expenses/Special Counsel/Outside Counsel line item to a new line item called Legal Department/Personnel Services/Department Head line item for the purpose of funding the position of Town Solicitor for the balance of fiscal year 2008.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to approve measure 08-019

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

Council President Dingee asked for any questions from the public. There were no questions or comments.

Councilor Joyce mentioned that the current balance in the Legal Department line item is \$103,178.10 and the \$37,000 would be taken from that.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to close Public Hearing
08-019

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARD

08-024 *From the Office of the Mayor – Notice of appointments:
Planning Board/ Zoning Board of Appeals/Board of Assessors*

Council President Dingee read the list of the appointments to the above mentioned Boards. He stated that the Council must refer these appointments to the Ways and Means Committee.

Council Vice-President Ryan stated that the Council first has to take a vote to suspend Rule Twenty-Eight because this is coming before the Council tonight and was submitted after the submission cut of date.

Council President Dingee explained that the Rule 28 states that any measure that comes before the Council must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office by no later than 10 am Thursday morning before the next scheduled council meeting. This notice of appointments did not come from the Mayor's office until Friday.

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to suspend Rule Twenty-Eight for 08-024

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to refer 08-024 to the Ways and Means Committee

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

Discussion: Councilor Mullaney asked if there was a need to discuss this because the Council and the committees in the past have respected the wishes of the Mayor.

MOTION: by Councilor Mullaney to approve appointments as “Same Night Action”

Discussion: Councilor Mullaney feels that this will be referred to the Ways and Means Committee and they will most likely approve it and send it back to the Council. It would probably be a two-week process. He suggested that the newly appointed individuals start on the Boards now.

Council President Dingee stated that same night action is not requested and he feels this should go through the process. He suggested that the Ways and Means Committee meet prior to the Council’s March 4th meeting.

Councilor Mullaney withdrew his Motion.

The Ways and Means Committee members agreed that they would like to review the resumes of those appointed to the three Boards prior to their next meeting.

Councilor Clifford suggested that at least the three individuals from the Board of Assessors be present at the next meeting.

On behalf of the Council, Councilor Kokoros thanked all those who have previously served on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessors.

VOTE: Unanimous to refer 08-024 to the Ways and Means Committee

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Councilor Clifford to have the Town’s road repair schedule and timetables placed on the Braintree website for the public and recommend the Council refer this to the Public Works Committee for action.

Councilor Clifford reported that he received several phone calls from constituents asking about the lists for the road repair schedules and timetables.

Instead of a Motion, Councilor Clifford would like to make this request in the form of a Resolution because it would be more specific under Rule Twenty-One. He read this Rule to the Council. He stated that the Resolution that would be referred to under the Motion would be to have the Town Council resolve to have the Town's roads repair schedule and timetables placed on the Braintree website for public access and view and refer it to the D.P.W. standing committee for action.

Council President Dingee suggested working with the Mayor on this project because the roads and the buildings are under the jurisdiction of the Mayor.

MOTION: by Councilor Clifford that the Town Council resolve to have the Town's road repair schedule and timetables placed on the Braintree website for public access and view and refer it to the D.P.W. committee for study and action.

SECOND: by Councilor Kokoros

Discussion: Councilor Mullaney received lists from the Town Engineer, but they are not up to date. He suggested making a Motion to encourage the Mayor to create lists that would be suitable to go on the website.

Councilor Kokoros stated that some streets have already been slated for repair work and the list of those streets could be given to the public.

MOTION: by Councilor Clifford to move the question

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

VOTE: Unanimous to approve Councilor Clifford's Resolution to forward this to the D.P.W. standing committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Council Vice-President Ryan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

SECOND: by Councilor Randolph

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Thorpe
Recording Secretary