



TOWN OF HOPEDALE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2017

Call to order 7:00 pm – Draper Room

Selectman Burns called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Draper Room at Town Hall.

Present: Selectmen Robert P. Burns, Selectman Thomas Wesley, Selectman Arcudi, Town Administrator Steven Sette, Executive Assistant Susan Brouwer, members of the public and Videographer Jeff Ellis were present.

Chairman Burns began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items

B. Consent Items

1. **Approval of April 18, 2017 Regular Minutes**

MSDV to approve the regular minutes of April 18, 2017

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Abstain

2. **Authorization of Warrants; FY17-41, FY17-42 and FY17-42P approved by Selectman Burns; FY17-43 approved by Selectmen Wesley and Burns**

MSDV to authorize the signing of the above listed warrants

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Aye

C. Appointments and Resignations

1. **Resignation of Call Firefighter Lt. Robert Minichiello**

The Board expressed the sincere appreciation of Call Firefighter Lt. Robert Minichiello's service to the Town.

MSDV to accept the resignation of Call Firefighter Lt. Robert Minichiello

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi – Aye

D. New Business

1. **Presentation of Department of Fire Services Young Hero Award to Olivia Braga**

Tim Howe from the Fire Marshall's Office read the letter submitted by FF/EMT-P Brian D. Kelley to the Department of Fire Services requesting

recognition of Olivia Braga, who is a 5-year-old girl commenting that on Thursday March 9, 2017, Olivia observed her elderly grandmother (Maria Coelho) pass out and subsequently fall to the floor unconscious. Without hesitation, Olivia immediately activated her grandmothers Life Alert button, which summoned EMS to respond. She then got her mother, who was in a nearby room and informed her of what had happened. Olivia's quick thinking and action ensured her grandmother received immediate emergency medical care and transport. Her grandmother is doing well and subsequently discharged from the Hospital. The Hopedale Fire Department and Department of Fire Services is honoring Olivia as SAFE young hero for her bravery in handling this delicate situation. Mr. Howe presented Olivia with a shirt and citation from the Department of Fire Services.

The Board acknowledged Olivia's bravery and heroism. Senator Ryan Fattman presented Olivia with a citation from the State Senate that he and Representative Brian Murray signed. In addition, Town Administrator Sette presented Olivia with a Town of Hopedale pin.

2. Board discussion with Senator Ryan Fattman

Board members asked questions to both Senator Fattman and Representative Murray relating to the State budget inquiring about how the FY18 budget is looking and what the expected revenue numbers are for the Town of Hopedale.

Senator Fattman and Representative Murray gave an update of the State's FY18 and projected revenue numbers for the Town of Hopedale.

Representative Murray stated that at the end of April, the House of Representatives passed its final fiscal year 2018 debating over 1,200 amendments. The House budget totaled \$40.8 billion, adding nearly \$80 million through amendments during the debate process. The final budget provided strong support for many of our affordable housing and homelessness prevention priorities, providing nearly \$18 million in funding for these programs over the previous year.

Senator Fattman stated the budget now moves to the Senate who is looking to present budget their budget proposal by the end May. The House and Senate will then send their proposed budgets to the conference committee, to reconcile the differences between the two budget proposals.

Representative Murray and Senator Fattman stated that projected state revenue is down. Both assured they are working to make sure the concerns and needs of their constituents are addressed in the budget, understanding the importance of local aid to cities and towns. They will keep the Board apprised of any significant changes to the budget.

3. Acceptance of Donations to Bancroft Memorial Library

a. \$25.00 donation from Verdolino family in memory of Buster

Wright

b. \$200.00 donation from Neal family in memory of Buster Wright

c. \$120.00 from Blue Fire Coffee Roasters for sponsorship of the library mobile app

MSDV to accept the above donations to Bancroft Memorial Library, thanking those for their generous donations to the Bancroft Memorial Library.

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectmen Wesley – Aye; Selectmen Arcudi –Aye

4. Acceptance of donation from Seven Hills Foundation to the Town of Hopedale. The donation will help fund the ADA Accessible playground equipment at Mellen Field

MSDV to accept the above donations to Seven Hills Foundation to the Town of Hopedale. The Board would requested the Town Administrator send a letter of appreciation thanking Seven Hills for the donation to help fund ADA playground equipment

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectmen Wesley – Aye; Selectmen Arcudi –Aye

5. Request from Police Chief to transfer \$15,000 from certain Police Department Accounts to the Police Department Overtime Account

MSDV to approve the transfer of \$15,000 as outlined on the attached letter to the Police Department overtime account.

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectmen Wesley – Aye; Selectmen Arcudi –Aye

6. Update from Planning Board Chair Brian Keyes on the proposed Zoning Bylaw rezoning certain residential parcels along Hopedale Street from Residential to General Business/Commercial

Planning Board Chairman Brian Keyes stated the Board held a second public hearing on the rezoning of Hopedale Street. At the hearing, more property owners attended. The owner's were informed to in attendance that the residential tax rate would remain in effect even if they sold, until the actual use of the property changed from Residential to Commercial.

Mr. Keyes stated there was still a couple of property owners on the fence on whether they wanted their properties included in the rezoning article. Brian informed the owners if they remove their properties from rezoning, they could not be added back to the rezoning article without going through the entire process again. Brian recommended the property owners on the fence include their properties in the article and if they choose to not to include them prior to Town Meeting, he would request an amendment at Town Meeting. All but two property owners agreed. Brian asked the Board to support the Planning Board recommendation, which was unanimously supported by the Planning Board. Mr. Keyes will work with Steve on the wording of the warrant article.

MSDV to approve placing the amended proposed Zoning Bylaw as presented by Planning Board Chairman Brian Keyes

Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi –Aye

E. Old Business

1. Vote to amend the FY18 Board of Selectmen Schedule

The Board discussed the FY18 schedule and unanimously supported amending the FY18 Selectmen meeting schedule holding on one meeting on the second Monday in July and August.

MSDV to approve the above amended FY18 Board of Selectmen Schedule
Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectman Wesley – Aye; Selectman Arcudi –Aye

F. Public and Board Member Comments

Selectmen Wesley and Arcudi thanked Bob Burns for his guidance while serving on the Board of Selectmen and wished him the best stating he was a tremendous asset to the both the Town and Board.

G. Correspondence and Selectmen Informational Items

None

H. Requests for Future Agenda Items

Selectman Wesley inquired as reopen the Verizon contract to request HD channeling requesting this be looked into further.

I. Administrator News

Administrator Sette reminded the residents of the upcoming Tuesday, May 9 Town Election and May 23 Annual Town Meeting.

J. Executive Session

1. Negotiation Union and Non-Union Contracts

Chair Burns – I am requesting a motion to allow this board to now enter into Executive Session and to reconvene in regular session, under M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a) Reason (2): To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union and nonunion personnel because I as chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town.

RCV to adjourn in executive session and return to open session
Selectman Burns – Aye; Selectmen Wesley – Aye; Selectmen Arcudi –Aye

The Board adjourned into executive session at 8:23 p.m.

K. Open Session

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:55 p.m. All members were present.

1. Vote to ratify the following Union and Non-Union Contracts;

- a. Memorandum of Agreement with Local 272 Highway, Water and Sewer, Clerical Staff**

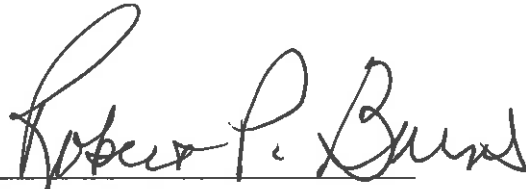
- b. Police Chief Contract**
- c. Fire Chief Contract**

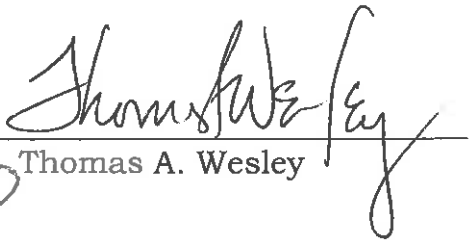
The Board took no action on the above listed contracts.

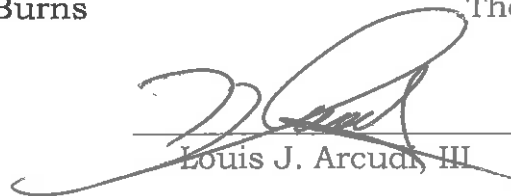
L. Adjournment

With no further business before them, the Board of Selectmen adjourned their regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MSDV Selectman Burns-Aye; Selectman Wesley-Aye; Selectman Arcudi-Aye


Robert P. Burns


Thomas A. Wesley


Louis J. Arcudi, III

Hopedale Board of Selectmen

*MSDV – Moved, Seconded, Discussed and Voted

*RCV – Roll Call Vote