Present: John F. Fairbanks, Laila J. Michaud

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS/MINUTES

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the regular session minutes of March 22 and March 29, 2010, as printed. The motion was duly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed and approved the following warrant:

April 5, 2010 Accounts Payable #60 \$848,996.14

ZBA RESIGNATION

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board accept the resignation of Paul Bartkus from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective April 29, 2010, and send a letter of appreciation for the valuable service he has provided the Town over the past eight years. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC COUNT REQUESTS

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the traffic count requests with MRPC. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STATE AID BORROWING

Ms. Michaud moved that the Board approve the request from Treasurer/Collector Melody Gallant to borrow a Chapter 90 State Aid Anticipation Note in the amount of \$260,000 for a Street Sweeper (\$170,000) and South Street Engineering (\$90,000) from UniBank with an interest rate of 1.20%. Mr. Fairbanks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE OFFICER/DISPATCHER COMMENDATIONS

The Board of Selectmen issued commendations to Officers Kent Benson and Steven Couture, and Dispatcher Andrew Loescher for their swift action and dedication to duty during their handling of an incident involving an armed assailant. Chief Albert also expressed his sincere appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

BOTTLE BILL

Fitchburg State Mass PIRG member Samantha DeManbey was on hand to discuss the update of the Bottle Bill and request the Board sign a resolution of support. She explained that they want to increase recycling in MA and improve our communities by updating the bill.

Mr. Fairbanks expressed concern over the added burden for small businesses to handle the volume. He said he would be willing to sign a resolution requesting legislators provide consideration for small businesses before the passing of the bill.

OAKMONT STUDENTS – SCHOOL BUDGET

Ryan McDonald spoke on behalf of HOME (Help Oakmont Maintain Excellence). He expressed concern over the impact of the proposed reductions in the school budget. Several programs would be discontinued and students would feel the impact of larger class sizes and fewer teachers.

Mr. McDonald suggested the following ways to cut the budget; carpooling, neighborhood bus stops, and fundraising for clubs.

EARTH DAY

Mr. Fairbanks announced that the Town was looking for a volunteer to head up an Earth Day cleanup. Ms. Michaud suggested that two or three people could form a committee. Anyone interested should contact the Town Coordinator.

8:07 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fairbanks moved that the Board meet in executive session to discuss pending litigation. Ms. Michaud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. It was noted that the Board would adjourn directly from executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned from executive session at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laila J. Michaud, Clerk (Prepared by B. Kazan)