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At Large

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District 2

THOMAS BOWES
District 3



CHARLES KOKOROS
Vice President
District 1

HENRY JOYCE
District 4

RONALD DENAPOLI
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

March 15, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Ryan was in the chair.

Clerk of the Council, James Casey, conducted the roll call.

Present: Charles B. Ryan, President
Charles Kokoros, Vice President
Leland Dingee
Sean Powers
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli (Arrived Late: 7:45pm)
Paul Dan Clifford

Others: Peter Morin, Chief of Staff
Daryn Brown, Director of Golf Operations
Michael Denise, Athletic Director Braintree High School
Joseph Powers, Town Clerk
Eric Kinsherf, Town Auditor

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and there was a moment of silence for all those serving in our armed services, past and present.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **013 11 Council President:** Braintree High School Boy's Gymnastic Team
- **018 11 Councilor Kokoros:** Eagle Scout – John McKinley
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **003 11 Council President:** Run for Charlotte
- **014 11 Councilor Joyce:** Recreation Department - Upcoming Events
- **015 11 Councilor Dingee:** Thayer Public Library - Upcoming Events

Councilor DeNapoli arrived in the chambers at 7:45pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 1, 2011

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Abstain (1-Clifford)

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

- **009 11 Council President:** Sound Barrier

Michael Walsh and Patty McKeon, residents of the Church Elm Condominium complex, spoke of the need of a sound barrier along the rear of the property that is adjacent to the MBTA commuter rail line, MBTA red line and Route 3. They were requesting the Council for support in communicating with the proper authorities their request for a sound barrier. Kelly Moore, President of the North Braintree Civic Association and the Town's Representative to the MBTA Advisory Board, commented that he had mentioned their concerns to MBTA General Manager Richard Davey and plans to bring up the topic at the next advisory board meeting.

Councilor Kokoros made a motion to send a letter to the MBTA, Senator Joyce, Senator Keenan and Representative Cusack asking their support for a sound barrier.

Council President Ryan requested that the Clerk of the Council draft a letter to be sent each individual above as well as work with Mr. Walsh and Ms. McKeon towards resolving the issue.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings

- **010 11 Council President:** Reappointment – Clerk of the Council

Council President Ryan noted that the Clerk of the Council is up for reappointment beginning May 1, 2011. Based on Council Rules, Rule fifty-nine, the Council is required to provide notice within thirty-days of reappointment date.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros for three-year appointment, effective May 1, 2011.

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Public Hearings (Continuation from February 15, 2011)

- **10 081 Messina Commercial Properties:** Petition to Rezone Land – Franklin Street

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to continue the February 15, 2011 public hearing on Order 10 081: Messina Commercial Properties – Petition to Rezone Land on Franklin Street.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by Councilor Kokoros to continue public hearing on Order 10 081: Messina Commercial Properties – Petition to Rezone Land on Franklin Street to Tuesday, April 26, 2011.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros

Second: by Councilor DeNapoli

Vote: Unanimous

Public Hearing

- **11 005 Mayor:** FY2011 Line Item Transfers – Golf Course

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to open Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Ways & Means Committee, reported that the committee recommended favorable action on the line item transfers.

Daryn Brown, Director of Golf Operations, provided an overview of his request. He explained, with FY2011 being the first year golf operations fully came under his direction many of the line item were best guess estimates. Additionally, the historic flooding during the spring of 2010 impacted the golf course causing much maintenance as well as a late opening.

- Program G01-Administration: Part-Time Labor; \$6,000 and Credit Card Fees; \$5,000; college kids hired to help with maintenance caused by flooding. He did not factor in the 2 ½ percent credit card fee for golf cart rentals.
- Program G02-Building Maintenance: Lighting; \$2,000 and Building Repairs; \$10,000; due to the extremely hot summer the air conditioning was in constant use. Improvements were completed in the club house as well as repairs to the HVAC system.
- Program G03-Equipment Maintenance: Gasoline; \$4,800 and Outside Motor Vehicle Repairs; \$2,500; under estimated expense. Older equipment sent out for repairs.
- Program G04-Turf Maintenance: Overtime; \$9,000; to make repairs due to the spring floods.
- Program G05-Golf Pro: Merchandise; \$15,000 and Golf Pro; \$1,450; restock inventory. Last season sales were \$58,000 with \$33,000 remaining in inventory. General increase and step increase not accounted for in FY2011 budget.
- Program G06-Golf Cart Operations: Golf Cart Leases; \$2,500; additional rental carts for special events.

Councilor Joyce asked if the Golf Enterprise Account provided any funding to the Town. Mr. Brown commented that his department provided approximately \$43,000 to the Town for services that are provided by the Town to the golf course; accounting, legal, etc.

Councilor Joyce asked for the balance of retained earnings in the golf enterprise account. Mr. Brown commented that it was approximately \$100,000. With the approval of the line item transfers, \$58,250, the balance would then be \$55,785. Mr. Brown sated that the golf account will be receiving approximately \$60,000 from FEMA for storm related expenses.

Council President Ryan asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak on the issue. No one came forward.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to close Public Hearing

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve **Order # 11 005 (A)**

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to approve **Order # 11 005 (B)**
Second: by Councilor Bowes
Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to Committee on Public Works

- 11 006 – **NationalGrid Petition:** Elmlawn Rd/Conrad St/Edwards Rd
- 11 007 – **NationalGrid Petition:** Lakeview Ave
- 11 008 – **NationalGrid Petition:** Azel Rd/Marshfield Road
- 11 009 – **NationalGrid Petition:** Brow Ave

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer all four Orders to Committee
Second: by Councilor DeNapoli
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

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