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LELAND DINGEE
At Large

SEAN POWERS
At Large

JOHN MULLANEY
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

September 7, 2010

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 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 A. Dingee
John C. Mullaney
Thomas Bowes
Henry N. Joyce
Ronald DeNapoli (Arrived Late 7:35pm)
Paul Dan Clifford

Not Present: Sean Powers

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

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **030 10** Announcement: Sustainable Braintree

Councilor DeNapoli arrived in the Chambers at 7:35pm

- **035 10** Announcement: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
- **038 10** Announcement: Kyleigh's Cure

- **039 10** Announcement: Bizokas Charity Golf Tournament
- **040 10** Announcement: Braintree Recreation Department – Upcoming Events
 Councilor Kokoros: Office of Town Clerk Hours of Operation – Election
 Councilor Kokoros: Jefferson Street – Letter to RMV
 Councilor Clifford: 911 Observance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 17, 2010

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to Approve

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COUNCIL RESPONSE

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **015 10 Councilor Ryan:** Personnel Issues

Council President Ryan explained that Councilor Powers could not attend the meeting this evening and had requested that this issue be continued until September 21st. Item will be taken up at the next Council meeting.

- **015 10 Committee on Ordinance & Rules – Recommendation on Councilor Joyce Motion**

Councilor Dingee, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinance & Rules reported that the Committee had reviewed the motion made by Councilor Joyce at the last meeting and had made a favorable recommendation to a revised motion. Councilor Dingee read the following motion: “The Council President shall provide a copy of the Town’s Employee Performance Evaluation Form to each Council Member not more than 45 days and not less than 30 days prior to the anniversary date of any employee directly managed by the Town Council. Council Members shall have 21 days from the date they were provided a copy of the form to complete. Members shall complete the form and return the form to the Director of Human Resources. Forms not received within the 21 day time period shall not be included in the summary score for the employee. The Director of Human Resources shall summarize all evaluations received during the 21 day time period and provide a copy of the summary evaluation to all Council Members. Upon a satisfactory performance evaluation, the Council President is granted the power to approve a one-step wage increase to the employee to be effective on the anniversary date. Any increase above one-step shall be referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and be presented to the full Council for consideration.”

Councilor Joyce commented that the modified motion provides a defined process for completing and tabulating the evaluation forms as well as gives the department head [Council President] the approval to sign-off on a step increase as all other department heads are authorized to do in the Town.

Councilor Bowes questioned if the new process would impact the current review on step increases currently under discussion. Councilor Joyce said it would not, only going forward.

Councilor Clifford asked if the change had been reviewed by the Town Solicitor and the Director of Human Resources and asked if it would require a public hearing as all ordinances require. Councilor Dingee stated that it was not reviewed by the Town Solicitor or the Human Resource Director and it would not require a public hearing as it is a Council Rule, not an Ordinance. This is the same approval procedure that was followed when Councilor DeNapoli was the Chairman of the Ordinance and Rules Committee and the Council Rules were adopted.

Councilor Mullaney commented that the Town Auditor would not fall under this procedure as he is under fixed three-year contract at \$76,000 per year. He also commented that expense for the Town Auditor was below what was budgeted, approximately \$67,000.

Motion: by Councilor Dingee to approve as read

Second: by Councilor Joyce

Vote: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Refer to Committee on Public Works (September 21st 6:30pm)

- **10 058 Lightower Fiber Networks:** Petition – 400 Washington Street

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee on Public Works.

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means (September 21st 7:00pm)

- **10 059 Mayor:** Supplemental Appropriation – Water & Sewer Capital Items

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee on Ways & Means.

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

Refer to Committee on Ways & Means (September 21st 7:00pm)

- **10 060 Mayor:** Bond Authorization – Azel Road/Lincoln Heights/Water Treatment Plant Repairs

Prior to referring request to Committee Councilor Kokoros read each of the three motions as printed in the memo from Mayor Sullivan dated September 2, 2010 regarding his request for borrowing authorization for water and sewer projects.

Motion: by Councilor Kokoros to refer to Committee on Ways & Means.

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
James M. Casey
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

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- **August 17, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes**
- **015 10 Councilor Ryan:** Personnel Issues – Summary of Town Wage Scale
- **015 10 Committee on Ordinance & Rules – Recommendation on Councilor Joyce Motion**
- **10 058 Lighttower Fiber Networks:** Petition – 400 Washington Street
- **10 059 Mayor:** Supplemental Appropriation – Water & Sewer Capital Items
- **10 060 Mayor:** Bond Authorization – Azel Road/Lincoln Heights/Water Treatment Plant Repairs