

Thomas M. Bowes
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District 3

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES B. Ryan
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

JOHN C. MULLANEY
District 2



Sean E. Powers
Vice President
At Large

Stephen C. O'Brien
District 4

Michael J. Owens
District 5

PAUL "DAN" CLIFFORD
District 6

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

October 20, 2015

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Horace T. Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Bowes was in the chair.

The Clerk of the Council conducted the roll call.

Present: Thomas Bowes, President
Sean Powers, Vice President
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
Charles Kokoros
John Mullaney arrived @7:50pm
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens

Not Present: Charles Ryan

Also Present: Michael Coughlin, Chief of Staff
Jeffrey Kunz, Director of Trash & Recycling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 6, 2015

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve Minutes of October 6, 2015

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 061 15 Jeff Kunz: Recycling Update

Jeffrey Kunz, Director of Trash & Recycling gave an update tonight. He stated a great deal of time goes into Outreach Material for the residents. Some costs are controllable and predictable while others are not. One that is not is the cost of recycling. We used to get rebates for recycling but now we don't. A Contamination Campaign was launched last week. Contamination rates are 15% – 17%. We have to pay for this. We will

put yellow door hangers around. Online ordering creates more recycling. The big boxes need to be broken down.

Food Waste is the newest issue. We need to have processing centers possibly with yard waste put together to create soil used for farming.

Last year about 300 residents had a lien put on their property and the trash fee cost was added onto the tax bill. This year there are about 200 residents. We send letters, add additional fines, send demand letters, put a lien on the property and add the trash fee plus fines onto the real estate bill. If there are hardships the Mayor's office works with those people.

Jeff Kunz stated we have a computerized system that keeps track. We work closely with the Trash & Recycling Department and the Treasurer's Office.

Councilor O'Brien stated if a truck is collecting and it is windy and stuff falls out, maybe the drivers could be aware and clean it up. Jeff Kunz replied they are required to pick up anything they drop but sometimes it is hard to see behind the truck.

Councilor Hume stated we should make residents aware of those with disabilities and inform residents where to place the trash barrels on the sidewalks so people can get by.

OLD BUSINESS

- **15 037 Mayor: Conveyance of Property or take up any action relative thereto (no PH needed)**

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, stated the committee has met and supported this motion. It is recommended for favorable action

MOTION: That the Town of Braintree authorize the Assessor and Treasurer Collector's Offices, with the approval of the Town Solicitor, to accept the donation and conveyance of property as deeded jointly by William James Cook, Robert M. Cook and James A Cook, to the Town of Braintree; said property is identified on the assessors map as parcel id #1055-0-99, Book #18424, Page 021, Deed Date of 03/14/2003, located at the end of Plymouth Road in the Town of Braintree, and to further authorize the Board of Assessors to remove said property as taxable property from the tax rolls of the Town, and to further authorize the Mayor to execute any documents needed to carry out this order.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

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

- **15 039 Mayor: Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bill or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing Oct 20)**

Motion: by Councilor Powers to open public hearing

Second: by Councilor Kokoros

Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- Ryan)

Councilor Mullaney, Chairman of the Committee on Ways & Means, stated the committee has met and supported this motion. It is recommended for favorable action.

Council President asked if any member of the Council or anyone from the public would like to speak on 15 039.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to close public hearing
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1- Ryan)

(1) DPW

MOTION: That the sum of \$9,224.91 be Re-Appropriated from the fiscal year 2016 Department of Public Works Facilities and Equipment Maintenance Program 02, Diesel Fuel line item account 01- 40002-5485 for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to Global Montello Group Corp. for the two unbilled fuel deliveries dated August 15, 2014 and September 20, 2014 which were incurred prior to July 1, 2015, which were not in excess of the Fiscal year 2015 appropriation.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Ryan), Abstain (0)

(2) GOLF

MOTION: That the sum of \$2,579.37 be Re-Appropriated from the fiscal year 2016 Golf Enterprise Fund, Bond Principal Program 50, bond principal line item for the purpose of paying an unpaid bill to Global Montello Group Corp. for the unbilled fuel delivery September 22, 2014 which was incurred prior to July 1, 2015, which was in excess of the Fiscal year 2015 appropriation.

Motion: by Councilor Powers to Approve
Second: by Councilor Kokoros
Vote: For (8), Against (0), Absent (1-Ryan), Abstain (0)

NEW BUSINESS

None

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting - **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 @ 7:30pm (Due to Town Election)**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:39p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- October 6, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes
- 15 037 Mayor: Conveyance of Property or take up any action relative thereto
- 15 039 Mayor: Prior Fiscal Year Unpaid Bill or take up any action relative thereto (PH Oct 20)