

Sean E. Powers
President
At Large

Shannon L. Hume
At Large

CHARLES C. Kokoros
District 1

John C. Mullaney
District 2

Thomas M. Bowes
District 3



Charles B. Ryan
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

FEBRUARY 28, 2017

MINUTES

A meeting of the Town Council, was held in the Cahill Auditorium, Braintree Town Hall, on February 7, 2017 beginning at 7:30p.m.

Council President Powers was in the chair.

Present: Sean Powers, President
Charles Ryan, Vice President
Thomas Bowes
Paul Dan Clifford
Shannon Hume
John Mullaney
Stephen C. O'Brien
Michael Owens

Not Present: Charles Kokoros

Also Present: Joseph C. Sullivan, Mayor
James Arsenault, DPW Director
Dennis McCaffery, National Grid Representative
Mike Gerling, National Grid Representative
Connor Lane, Boy Scout
Quinlan Connors, Boy Scout
Matthew Lee, Boy Scout

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- None

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND TOWN BOARDS

- 011 17 Council President: Discussion South Shore Plaza Incident or take up any action relative thereto
Councilor Bowes stated the Committee on Public Safety met with Chief Shastany. It was agreed to wait for the Police final report and to meet again on March 15, 2017. The Committee will come again before the full Council with the report and information.

OLD BUSINESS

- **17 005 National Grid Petition: Alexander Road or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman Mullaney stated the Committee of the Department of Public Works met and recommended favorable action to the full Council with staff recommendations.

Councilor Ryan read the following Motion:

To install and maintain approximately 300 feet of 2 inch gas main in Alexander Rd., from the existing 2 inch gas main at house # 33 southerly to the end of Alexander Rd., for the purpose of providing gas service to houses #41, 49, 50, 57 and 58 with the following conditions:

BELD: BELD Engineering has reviewed this permit and has no underground electric utility conflicts within the proposed scope of work.

DPW: This section of Alexander Road is not under the moratorium. The street has not been resurfaced in several years. Alexander Road is scheduled to have a new water main installed this spring and we would recommend that the petition for this section is granted as soon as possible so that both the water main and gas main projects can be coordinated and completed in a timely manner. The petition should be granted under the normal conditions, with emphasis on the requirements that the gas main be laid outside of the proposed new water main trench and that the trench pavement not be left low for any length of time; we also recommend that the following requirement be added to the permit, if it is to be granted:

Neither National Grid nor any of its contractors is authorized to close any street or to close a direction of travel to facilitate their work without authorization from the Director of the Department of Public Works or the Highway Superintendent. The Chief of Police can also authorize a closure for a police or fire emergency. Construction zone traffic safety issues are to be addressed by using appropriate traffic control signs and devices and the use of police officers for traffic control to safely guide traffic through the work zone. If a closure is authorized by the DPW, it shall not be implemented until signs and police officers (where needed) are properly in place in conformity with the written plan prepared by the contractor's engineer and approved by the DPW and Police Department.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

- **17 004 Mayor: Appointment Chief of Staff and Director of Operations – Joseph H. Reynolds or take up any action relative thereto**

Chairman O'Brien stated the Committee on Ways & Means met and recommended favorable action to the full Council. We would like to thank him for his service and welcome him to the staff.

Councilor Ryan read the following Motion:

TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH H. REYNOLDS AS CHIEF OF STAFF AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3-3 OF THE TOWN CHARTER

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Councilor Mullaney left Cahill Auditorium @ 7:40pm

- 17 007 Council President: Reclassification Adjustment or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing)

Motion by Councilor Ryan to OPEN the Public Hearing for Order 17 007

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Mullaney)

Council President Powers asked if any member of the Council or General Public want to speak on Order 17 007?

Council President Powers referred to Councilor O'Brien (Committee Chair) for Committee on Ways & Means recommendation.

Chairman O'Brien stated this was discussed at the Committee on Ways & Means and the recommendation was to unanimously vote favorable recommendation to the full Council.

Council President Powers ask if there is any other discussion on Order 17 007?

Motion by Councilor Ryan to Close Public Hearing for Order 17 007

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Mullaney)

Councilor Ryan read the following MOTION:

That the Town Council vote that the sum of \$2,150.98 be transferred from the Town Council Department /Program 01 Administration/Advertising line item to Town Council Department /Program 01 Administration/Administration/Clerical line.

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

Vote: For (7), Against (0), Absent (2-Kokoros, Mullaney)

- 17 008 Mayor: Appointment Braintree Chief of Police – Paul J. Shastany or take up any action relative thereto

TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL J. SHASTANY AS BRAINTREE CHIEF OF POLICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 3-3 AND 2-10 OF THE TOWN CHARTER.

Committee on Ways & Means Chairman O'Brien stated though we feel Chief Shastany is the right person for the job we opted to TABLE at this time.

MOTION TO TABLE Order 17 008 made by Councilor Clifford

Motion: by Councilor Clifford

Second: by Councilor O'Brien

Vote: For (6), Against (1-Bowes), Absent (2-Kokoros, Mullaney)

Councilor Mullaney returned to Cahill Auditorium @ 7:44pm

NEW BUSINESS

- None

Councilor Ryan referred the following to committees:

Refer to the Committee on Ways & Means

- 17 011 Mayor: Appointment Planning Board – James N. Downey or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Refer to the Committee on Personnel Issues

- 17 012 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Clerk – James M. Casey or take up any action relative thereto

Motion: by Councilor Ryan

Second: by Councilor Bowes

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

Topics the Chair does not reasonably anticipate will be discussed

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Next Council Meeting is - **TUESDAY, March 7, 2017@ 7:30pm**

ADJOURNMENT

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Cimino
Clerk of the Council

Documents provided for Meeting

- 17 005 National Grid Petition: Alexander Road or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 004 Mayor: Appointment Chief of Staff and Director of Operations – Joseph H. Reynolds or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 007 Council President: Reclassification Adjustment or take up any action relative thereto (Public Hearing at full Council)
- 17 008 Mayor: Appointment Braintree Chief of Police – Paul J. Shastany or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 011 Mayor: Appointment Planning Board – James N. Downey or take up any action relative thereto
- 17 012 Council President: Re-Appointment Town Clerk – James M. Casey or take up any action relative thereto