

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 12, 2022**

In attendance were Chairman Carl F. Kowalski; Vice Chairman Daniel L. Salvucci; Clerk Brian J. Bezanson; Member Justin R. Evans; Member Randolph G. LaMattina; and Town Administrator Lincoln D. Heineman. Chairman Kowalski opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Kowalski asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence dedicated to Joe Gilder and the people of Ukraine.

Chairman Kowalski announced the meeting is being recorded and televised by WHCA.

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve bill and payroll warrants. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept correspondence in the Read File. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Chairman Kowalski opened public forum and no one in attendance came forward to address the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mass. Clean Water Trust Interim Loan

Treasurer-Collector Mary Beth Carter explained that the Board must vote to sign the closing documents for the sewer force main. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the issuance and details of note and bonds to be issued to the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust for loan number CWP-21-17 and sign related closing documents. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

License Renewals: Fuel Storage, Junk Collector and Junk Dealer

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve license renewals for the following license holders for the period May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023, subject to the submission of renewal paperwork, renewal fees and current tax status:

1. Fuel Storage Licenses

- a. Whitman Burial Vault/Watertown Engineering, 1200 Auburn Street
- b. The Stop & Shop Company, LLC #444, 465 Bedford Street
- c. TMC II Realty, dba Carey's, 672 Bedford Street
- d. Jiffy Lube International #1918, 691 Bedford Street
- e. Whitman Middle School, 100 Corthell Avenue
- f. Department of Public Works, 100 Essex Street
- g. Ceejay Realty Trust (Joseph Saccone), 106 Essex Street
- h. Conley School, 100 Forest Street
- i. Bullet Realty Co., dba T&K Asphalt Services, 7 Industrial Way
- j. Duval School, 60 Regal Street
- k. Trillium Fuel, dba Whitman Gas, 180 South Avenue
- l. OM South Avenue LLC, 311 South Avenue

- m. A.L. Prime Energy Consultant, Inc., 79 Temple Street
- n. Cumberland Farms, Inc., 280 Temple Street
- o. MKPM Whitman, LLC, dba New World, 359 Bedford Street

2. Junk Collector's Licenses

- a. Joseph Saccone (J. Saccone & Sons, Inc.), 106 Essex Street
- b. Peter J. Perry (P.J. Perry Trucking), 70 Kendrick Street
- c. Environmental Pick Up Corp., dba Conway Scrap Metal, 36 Vincent Street

3. Junk Dealer's Licenses

- a. Joseph Saccone (J. Saccone & Sons, Inc.), 106 Essex Street
- b. JC's Things (Carl Danforth), 356 South Avenue
- c. Whitman Estate Furniture, 356 South Avenue, Unit C

Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.

Dollars for Scholars: "Dollars for Scholars Month"

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Michael Ganshirt on behalf of Whitman & Hanson Dollars for Scholars to declare April as "Dollars for Scholars Month". **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Dollars for Scholars: Request to Erect Fundraising Thermometer

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to approve the request of Michael Ganshirt on behalf of Whitman & Hanson Dollars for Scholars to erect a fundraising thermometer on the front lawn of Town Hall from April through the end of May. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Reappointment of Veterans' Agent

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to reappoint Sara Lansing to the position of Veterans' Agent/Veterans' Graves Officer/Veterans' Services Director for a one-year term, through April 30, 2023. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

Resignation: Adam Kosterman

Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to accept the resignation of Adam Kosterman from the position of Auxiliary/Special Police Officer, effective March 28, 2022. **Second Mr. Bezanson, so voted 5-0.**

At 6:15 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at 6:15 p.m. pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(1) to discuss the physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of a Police Department employee; and pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation relative to a claim filed by the Whitman Police Union and a Union Member, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, as declared by the chair; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the DPW Employees Union, AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700; the Whitman Firefighters

Union, Local 1769, IAFF; the Whitman Public Library Employees Union, SEIU, Local 888; the Police Union, Whitman Police Association, MassCOP #494; and the Town Hall Employees Union, OPEIU, Local 6, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares; and pursuant to M.G.L., c.30A, §21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, being the Deputy Chief of Police. **Second** Mr. Bezanson. Roll call vote revealed: Mr. Bezanson – yes; Mr. Evans – yes; Mr. LaMattina – yes; Mr. Salvucci – yes; and Chairman Kowalski – yes. **So voted 5-0.** Chairman Kowalski declared that having this meeting in Open Session will have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body. The meeting will reconvene in Open Session.

At 7:04 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to reconvene in Open Session. **Second** Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

OLD BUSINESS

Town Meeting Warrant

In an update on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, Mr. Heineman advised the Board the district's request for \$54,000 for mold remediation is not on the warrant. Also, the district submitted an article for the replacement of playground equipment at 3 different schools. He has suggested they be submitted separately, noting the Board can make the decision on this issue. Mr. Heineman is recommending the remaining funds for the Duval School roof be applied to the playground at the Duval School. In addition, the WHRSDC will be meeting tomorrow and will discuss the issue of non-mandated busing. Mr. Heineman feels there should be an article submitted for non-mandated busing but is unsure how the School Committee will handle it. Chairman Kowalski recommended the Board meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 15th, to finalize and vote the warrant. Mr. LaMattina stated the method of determining the amount for non-mandated busing saves both Whitman and Hanson money. If the WHRSDC does not change the assessment, the towns will pay and the district will benefit from the money it receives for reimbursement from the state. Mr. Salvucci suggested the district start maintaining the playground equipment. Mr. LaMattina asked if the Capital Committee is discussing the issue of the mold remediation at the Whitman Middle School. Mr. Evans advised that the Capital Committee took no action on the issue because it is not a capital item. Mr. Evans then noted that the non-mandated busing issue has been included in the warrant twice. Mr. Heineman explained that he is waiting to see what the district will do. Article 5 is a reflection of us attempting to follow the process laid out in the agreement. Mr. Heineman then noted he is not intending to follow COVID-19 protocols at the Annual Town Meeting; however, masks will be on hand for those who want them.

Distribution of T.A. Evaluation Form and T.A. Goals & Objectives

Chairman Kowalski distributed the Town Administrator evaluation forms to the members of the board and asked each of them to complete the forms and return them to him on April 26th. He will then write a report and present it at the May 10th meeting of the Board. Mr. Heineman spoke about the evaluation being based on his performance for the fiscal year and asked if the evaluation was supposed to be through June 30th. Chairman Kowalski advised Mr. Heineman that the evaluation was originally supposed to be based on his performance through June 30th,

but he determined it was best to have the current members of the Board participate, as opposed to waiting until after the election, which could result in new members being elected to the Board. Mr. Heineman reminded the Board that the evaluation form contains some goals that were being looked at as long term, not for FY22.

At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Salvucci **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Second Mr. Bezanson, **so voted 5-0.**

Brian J. Bezanson, Clerk