

April 24, 2008

The April 24, 2008, Town Council Meeting was called to order by Colette Matarese, President, of the Foster Town Council at the Town House, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Colette Matarese, President

John Lewis, Vice President,

Peter Baribault,

Lynne S. Rider,

John J. Bevilacqua, Jr. Town Solicitor

Staff:

Robert Clarkin, Public Works Director,

Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief,

Pamela Fontaine, Tax Collector,

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded to approve, as presented, and was so voted to approve the April 10, 2008 minutes.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Peter Baribault aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

REPORTS John Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor reported that all of the complaints dating back to November 2006 , September 2007 and July 2007 which were forwarded to the Attorney General's Office against the Town of Foster were cleared. The Foster Town Council did not violate the open meetings act.

WARRANTS Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve Payroll Warrant #40 in the amount of \$24,979.53, Payroll Warrant #41 in the amount of \$26,395.04, General Warrant #20 in the amount of \$73,344.88.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye.

MONTHLY REPORT John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Building & Zoning report as submitted.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye.

QUARTERLY REPORTS John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the quarterly reports as submitted.

John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette Matarese aye.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM Colette Matarese added Foster Bear Arms & Bait Shop License renewal to the agenda under Old Business, item "d" from the Emergency Item Agenda that was posted.

RED CROSS Mr. Normand D. Menard, Preparedness Specialist held his presentation for the American Red Cross. He requested that the Town Council send a letter of approval and sign a contract between the Town of Foster and the American Red Cross.

CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE Lynne S. Rider, read the charge for the 2008 Charter Revision Committee and moved, John Lewis seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following appointments to the Charter Revision Committee; Thomas Mercier, Patricia Morgan, Norma Garnsey, Fran Gast, and James Bowden.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye.

ROAD CONSULTANT Lynne S. Rider summarized the report that was given to Robert Clarkin, DPW Director from Alfred J. Curnow, road consultant. The Council referred the report back to Robert Clarkin for a recommendation.

FOSTER BEAR ARMS Peter Baribault moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve a Gun Shop, Second Hand and Sunday Sales License to Foster Bear Arms and Bait Shop for the term ending December 31, 2008

John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette Matarese aye.

ENGINEERING BOARD Peter Baribault moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the disbursement of funds for the Foster Engineering Board in the amount of \$360.00.

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye.

USE OF FAIR-GROUNDS John Lewis moved, Peter Baribault seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Foster Police Department to use the Fair Grounds on June 6, 2008.

John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette Matarese aye.

TAX RESOLUTION John Lewis moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Tax Resolution in accordance with R.I.G.L. §44-5-73(b)

Colette Matarese aye, John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye.

TAX RATE CHANGE 2008-2009 Colette Matarese stated that Mr. Peder A. Schaefer of the Department of Revenue had received the Notice of Proposed Property Tax Rate Change for fiscal year 2008-2009 and was hereby approved, as amended.

CONCERNED CITIZENS Gordon Rogers spoke under concerned citizens.

Lynne S. Rider moved, John Lewis seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into executive session according to 42-46-4-5 (5) Acquisitions, and 42-46-4-5(1) Personnel and to reconvene in to open session and further to keep the minutes of said meeting closed and the minutes of all Executive Sessions held previous to this meeting be closed and remain closed pursuant to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4.

John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Peter Baribault aye, Colette Matarese aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The council recessed at 8:30 p.m. and went into executive session at 8:45 p.m.

There were no votes taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

An electronic filing is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman, CMC
Town Clerk