

May 14, 2009

The May 14, 2009, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice President, of the Foster Town Council at the Benjamin Eddy Building, Foster, Rhode Island, at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Colette Matarese, President, excused
John Lewis, Vice President,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes,
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the April 9, 2009 minutes as presented.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

WARRANTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants; Payroll Warrant # 42 in the amount of \$25,842.49, and Payroll Warrant # 43 in the amount of \$,26,662.43, and Payroll Warrant # 44 in the amount of \$29,102.88, and General Warrant #22 in the amount of \$137,117.08

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

MONTHLY REPORTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger L. Hawes aye.

LICENSE RENEWALS Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the renewal of the Sunday/Holiday license for Foster Quick Stop 173 Danielson Pike Foster, for the term ending December 31, 2009

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

BID AWARD BRUSH TRUCK Will Paul, chief of the Foster Center Fire Department read his bid award recommendation for the brush truck. He recommended the bid from Fire-1 Manufacturing, Inc., Option #2. To build the body, pump and tank for \$87,060; plus the MHQ Municipal Headquarters Vehicles quote for the Ford F-550 cab and chassis under state bid contract for \$37,298. This is a total cost of the new brush truck to \$124,358.00 and fits in the \$125,000.00 grant budget.

Joe Cardillo moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and was unanimously so voted to approve the recommendation from chief Will Paul.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

STRAIGHT PARTY BALLOT Ms. Beverly Clay of Operation Clean Government gave a brief presentation concerning the elimination of the straight party ballot at the November elections. She was asking that the town council signs a resolution asking the general assembly to eliminate this.

The town council referred the information to John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor for review.

PERPETUAL CARE REQUEST Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was unanimously voted to approve the request from Fran Grass for perpetual care for one plot at cemetery #32, the Hopkins Stone Cemetery in the amount of \$200.00.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Joe Cardillo aye.

GIS/911 LIAISON John Lewis stated that the town has received information from the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety, concerning the integration of the towns "GIS" system and the 911 emergency systems. They have asked that the town appoint a liaison to coordinate and approve any changes that will be done to the "GIS" database.

Joe Cardillo moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was unanimously so voted to appoint Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner as the liaison.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to appoint Louis Vinagro III to the conservation commission. Lynne S. Rider stated that she had called Mark Trembley of the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District and he had given Mr. Vinagro a very good report, and that she had called Richard Went who is the chairperson of the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District, who also gave Mr. Vinagro a very good report.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Joe Cardillo aye.

POLICE CONTRACT Joe Cardillo moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the IBPO Local 637 Police contract, which is from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012.

John Lewis aye, Joe Cardillo aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye.

**REQUEST
OF TRAIN-
ING FUNDS**

Roger L. Hawes moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request of \$850.00 from the Foster Ambulance Corps. for the purchase of a twelve lead Arrhythmia trainer/simulator.

John Lewis asked the chief of Foster Center Fire Dept. if he approved the spending since his signature was not on the request. Will Paul, Fire Chief stated that Aaron Marsland, captain had signed the document on his behalf and that it was fine.

John Lewis aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Joe Cardillo aye.

**CONCERNED
CITIZENS**

Ronald Cervasio spoke under concerned citizens about the regional school resource officer, and about plowing at the schools in Gloucester. He also stated again the need to close the Foster Center Fire Station and merge it with South Foster Fire Station.

John J. Bevilacqua removed himself from the table and spoke as a taxpayer. He stated he was concerned about the lack of leadership of the chair/vice chair of the region and that he places blame and responsibility as to the activities and conduct of their students within their jurisdiction. In one breath they say you have nothing to do with the school and its authority, and the next breath they are saying if you don't give us the money you are going to have a problem with the kids in the school. They should check with their own people and see what they have for "fluff" within their own budget to come up with \$14,000.00, especially with a \$750,000.00 surplus.

Lynne S. Rider asked why the resource officer is not a line item in the regional budget.

Ronald Cervasio replied that it may come to that.

Will Paul stated that he was concerned that he heard that someone wanted to close the Foster Center Fire Station. He gave a brief statement on how it would not be a responsible action.

Lynne S. Rider stated that the town council has never said anything about eliminating the fire station.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-4 & 5a (1) personnel and 42-26-5-a (2), and to reconvene in 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 to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4 & 5

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

John Lewis aye, Lynne S. Rider aye, Roger L. Hawes aye, Joe Cardillo aye.

There were no votes taken in executive session.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted By

Tina W. Freeman
Town Clerk