

October 8, 2009

The October 8, 2009, Town Council Meeting was called to order by John Lewis, Vice 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,
Lynne S. Rider,
Roger L. Hawes
Joe Cardillo,
John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor

The following department heads were present:

Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner,
Kelli Russ, Town Treasurer
Robert E. Coyne, Jr., Police Chief

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Lynne S. Rider moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2009, as written.

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

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2009, with the following amendment:

Colette Matarese concurred with the appointment of Robert DePalo to the Board of Canvassers.

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

The main motion passed

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke under public comment.

WARRANTS

Colette Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the following warrants: Payroll Warrant #12 in the amount of \$29,902.26, Payroll Warrant #13 in the amount of \$29,774.82, General Warrant #07 in the amount of \$47,365.62.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the monthly reports as submitted: Building and Zoning, Police, Public Works, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector, and Recycling.

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

PUBLIC

HEARING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE CONTINUED Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Affordable Housing Ordinance as written. This ordinance will be in effect upon passage. John Lewis, Vice President, asked John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor, if the document was in order, he replied "yes".

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

RE-APPOINTMENTS TO JUVENILE HEARING BOARD Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to re-appoint Mr. Michael Chippendale as a regular member for a three (3) year term, and Mr. James Janis as an alternate member for a one (1) year term to the Juvenile Hearing Board. They have shown interest in continuing on in their present capacities.

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

ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the pro-rated additions to the 2009 tax roll in the amount of \$3,007.59. And the pro-rated abatements to the 2009 tax roll in the amount of \$447.36, and regular abatements to the 2009 tax roll in the amount of \$630.01 as requested by Anne L. Carlson, Tax Assessor.

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

MEDS CONTRACT Colette Matarese moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the Medical Emergency Distribution System (MEDS) Program Municipality Deliverables agreement between the Town of Foster and the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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

REQUEST FOR TRAINING FUNDS Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request of training funds from the Moosup Valley Fire Department in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the purchase of training equipment.

Colette Matarese asked if there were any supporting documentation submitted with the training requests. She further stated that in the future these requests should have all the necessary documents that state exactly what was received, from who, and when, so the town has the exact information. This way the auditors will have the information when they perform an audit.

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

Colette Matarese amended the motion to state the amount of up to \$2,800.00. Lynne S. Rider seconded the amendment.

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

The amendment passed.

REQUEST FOR RE-IMBURSEMENT Lynne S. Rider moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from Heather-Lynn Dexter for reimbursement of \$1,600.00, which she personally paid for a cardiac program.

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

Colette Matarese amended the motion to, provided there are sufficient funds in that line item of the budget. Joe Cardillo seconded the amendment.

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

The amendment passed.

Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to approve the request from the Foster Ambulance Corps. for the third quarter stipends in the amount of \$3,847.00, provided that there are sufficient funds.

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

Colette Matarese amended the main motion to reflect a correction made on the request, the total amount should be \$3,947.00. Roger L. Hawes seconded the amendment.

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

The amendment passed.

BID OPENING FOR A 2010 AMBULANCE John Lewis stated the next item on the agenda is a bid opening for a 2010 Ambulance. There are two bids submitted, the bids are as follows:

1.) Greenwood Emergency Vehicles

530 John Dietsch Blvd. North Attleboro, MA. 02763

Total Bid - \$154,442.00 Optional Add Ons – Stiker power pro cot, \$11,588.00,
Radio Equip., \$4,135.00, Vanner 1000 Inverter, \$1,789.00

2.) Specialty Vehicles, Inc.

58 George Leven Drive North Attleboro, MA. 02760

Total for Life Line - \$171,351.00 - Trade in allowance of \$13,000.00 Total delivered price of \$153,651.00

Total for Road Rescue - \$171,171.00 – Trade in allowance of \$13,000.00 Total delivered price of \$152,971.00

Colette Matarese moved, Lynne S. Rider seconded and it was unanimously so voted to forward the bids to the engineering board for review, and report back to the town council for a recommendation.

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

BACON & CO. LETTER Colette Matarese moved, Roger L. Hawes seconded and it was unanimously so voted to accept the “Management Letter” from Bacon & Company. There was no discussion.

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

CONCERNED CITIZENS A citizen asked if the information that he had requested was completed. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor replied yes, he had a written response for him. The citizen also asked a question about the school committee and their actions with a separate appointment of a committee. John J. Bevilacqua, Town Solicitor could not answer the question; he does not have all of the information in front of him.

A second citizen asked about the ground asphalt at the corner of Shippee Schoolhouse Road and East Killingly Road. Also if the town was holding up Verizon from continuing to install "FIOS" on Shippee Schoolhouse and the remainder of the town. John Lewis stated that the town council will be continuously working on getting the rest of the town "FIOS" service.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS There were no items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to go into Executive Session according 42-46-4 & 5 (1) Personnel and 42-46-5a(2) Collective Bargaining 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 to provisions of the General Laws of Rhode Island 42-46-4 & 5

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

Roger L. Hawes moved, Colette Matarese seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the executive portion of the meeting.

There were no votes taken in executive session.

Lynne S. Rider moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, and it was unanimously so voted to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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