

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 11, 2018
7:00 PM TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, A. Waters, J. Demetriades,
M. Johnson

Absent F. Emanuele, S. Slade

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Director of
Public Works L. Spina, Town Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director J Harriman,
Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Planning and Development/EDC
Coordinator S. Popper

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Faienza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to
approve the agenda.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORTS/STAFF REPORTS

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road, Chairman Cromwell Water Pollution Control
Authority -Spoke in favor of the proposed Public Works/Sewer Facility, stating
that it is very much needed.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Planning on meeting with the Fire District once again to discuss ways that
services could be combined for savings to the tax-payers.
- Thanked all that were involved in the Travelers Championship for their part in
making this year's tournament such a great event. Wendy D 'Angelo from the
Hospital for Special Care was impressed with the services that the Cromwell
Police Department provided especially for people with special needs.
- Recreation Director Scott Kieras is doing a great job with Camp Cromwell; it is
a top notch program.
- Cromwell Works, the Mayor and Manager's newsletter is a big hit among the
residents.

- Mayor Faienza turned the floor over to Counselor Johnson for presentation of his ideas for remedy for drainage concerns and proposed corrective measures and a request for a walking trail through the wetland area from South Street to Frisbee Park. The consensus of the Council was that it is a good idea and to have the Town Manager look into the cost and see if it is feasible.
- The Business Tours will start up again in September.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- The Town Hall Union contract negotiations are done; due to the union's procedure, it has to be posted for two weeks before the union members can vote on it. When they approve it a Special Council may be called.
- Scannell received their permits from the DOT so construction will begin soon.
- The TPC's clubhouse was demolished this week; they hope to have the new one operational for the 2019 Travelers Championship.
- Congratulated the Police Department and Public Works Department for their work in making a great tournament.
- Shred-it-day on June 30th was a great success.
- The Main Street banners are up; they are planning on putting up fall and winter banners.
- Public Works is moving forward to replace the scoreboard.
- Two members of the Board of Finance were not happy with mid-year requests for capital items; the scoreboard was one of the requests. They admonished town staff.
- Due to a Councilors request he stated that the Assessor follows State Statute for non-profit organizations assessments. The Assessor has the authority to determine if an organization is exempt. If the organization is not satisfied they have the right to appeal with the Board of Appeals; if they are still unhappy they can take the town to court.
- The Library Project is moving forward; there will be inconveniences during the construction period. We will accommodate building use requests as much as possible.
- Councilor Newton inquired if the Base-ball scoreboard is operational at Pierson Park.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- The Travelers Championship was uneventful which means that it was a huge success.
- Gave a special thank you to Captain Vandersloot for all of his planning and work he did for the tournament.
- Thanked the sworn members of the Cromwell Police and the Police Department non-sworn staff, as well as all of the other Police Departments that assisted them. Arborio Corporation received a special thank you as well for their assistance during the tournament.

- Matt Hennessey, our newest police officer, entered the academy last Friday. He will graduate sometime in December.
- The Detective Division is busy and doing a tremendous job; there was a burglary at Covenant Village as well as car break-ins and stolen tires.

I. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- Letters went out to homeowners at the intersection of Evergreen and Main Street asking them to prune their trees so the site line will be clear.
- Town Engineer Jon Harriman is out on Willowbrook Road daily working hard to protect the town's interest and also those of the businesses.
- The Spring Paving Project is done; they are hoping to schedule the 2nd round of paving projects.
- They will be working on the sea-wall next week.
- They had a meeting with the DEEP for our MS- permits; during the meeting they town staff were complemented on their record keeping. They were cited for one infraction; the dumpsters at the transfer station need to be covered. He is working to get this accomplished.
- Provided an update on the proposed Public Work/Sewer facility.

TOWN ENGINEER/ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

Town Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director Harriman reported:

- Took exception to Councilor Johnson's criticism of the installation of the catch basins. They are properly installed 2" below grade.
- Gave an update on the Willowbrook Road project.
- The Coles Road project is in the final design stage.
- The Library Project will go out to bid next week.
- Updated the Council on the South Street Project; will look into Councilor Johnson's ideas and report back to the Town Manager.
- Gave an update on the Public Work/Sewer facility explaining in detail for the newer members of the Council. After touring the Coventry facility the team is proposing a Design and Build project.

Mayor Faienza asked for a consensus of the Council to move the project to a design and build; all five Councilors present gave their consent to move the project to a design and build.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Reports

The budget reports cover through the end of June. They are not the final numbers; they will need a couple of months to close out expenditures for the fiscal year. Revenue is also still coming in for the fiscal year. An operating surplus is expected, the exact amount will be determined when the budget is closed out.

K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 & 2.

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, June 13, 2018

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018.

Aye: M. Johnson, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Abstained: A. Waters (was not able to attend this meeting)

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. Economic Development Commission

a. Marilyn Teitlebaum-Dworkin, alternate, term expires March 2020.

Motion made by J Demetriades seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the appointment of Ms. Teitlebaum-Dworkin as an alternate to EDC.

N. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

M. Johnson - Redevelopment Agency

E. Faienza -Board of Finance, Little Mermaid July performances

R. Newton -CWPCA

J. Demetriades -P&Z, Committee to Support People attempting to set August meeting date.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Strategy and discussion, Real Estate acquisition, as recommended by Redevelopment Agency.

b. Action if necessary

2. Strategy and discussion, Sale of Town Property.

b. Action if necessary

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:24 p.m. for items #1 and #2, Strategy and discussion, Real Estate acquisition as recommended by Redevelopment Agency and Strategy and discussion, Sale of Town Property.

Town Manager Salvatore and Director of Planning and Development/EDC Coordinator S. Popper were invited into Executive Session for all items.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 10:06 p.m.

1b. Action if necessary

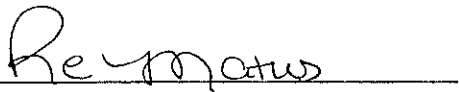
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* that the Town Manager be given the authority to begin negotiations to purchase the property on River Road between School Street and Wall Street.

2b. Action if necessary
No action taken

P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Re Matus", is written over a horizontal line.

Re Matus
Secretary