

City of Derby

Board of Aldermen / Alderwomen

First Ward

Barbara L. DeGennaro
Thomas J. Donofrio
Bev Moran

Second Ward

Joseph L. DiMartino
Evelyn Browning
Ronald M. Sill

Third Ward

Jim DiMartino
Louis Oliwa
Charles Sampson

Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen Meeting Minutes

Derby City Hall

1 Elizabeth Street, Derby, CT

August 8, 2019

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Dziekan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dziekan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The Board of Aldermen / Alderwomen members present were Barbara DeGennaro, Thomas Donofrio, Joseph DiMartino, Bev Moran, Evelyn Browning, Charles Sampson, Ronald Sill and Jim DiMartino. Mr. Oliwa was absent.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Sampson motioned to delete Item 8.3.1 and Item 8.2.4 under Community Relations – Decommissioning of Storms Ambulance’s 2003 Ford Expedition. Ms. DeGennaro seconded and the motion carried.

5. Public Portion

Joann from 40 E Street spoke about the damage caused to her home by the flooding. She said there has been no help or resolution. Mr. Donofrio asked that this be put on the agenda for the next Community Relations meeting with an update from Attorney Marino.

Mr. Garofalo, Town Clerk, spoke regarding the deletion of funding for archiving records from the Capital Plan. He stated that his department was the only one to receive a cut by the Treasurer and no explanation was given. He also asked if the Board received documentation regarding the true cost of refinancing the bonds prior to their vote.

6. Department Head Reports

6.1. Finance Director

Nothing was discussed.

6.2. Police Department

Nothing was discussed.

6.3. Fire Marshal

Nothing was discussed.

6.4. Fire Department

Mr. Sill asked about 35 Fifth Street. Mr. Hawks said no alarm has been set up.

6.5. Office of Emergency Management

Nothing was discussed.

6.6. Storm Ambulance Corps

They responded to two emergencies that required the use of the Caroline Street boat ramp. Both were successful rescues and they thanked the Board for getting that gate installed.

6.7. Board of Education

Nothing was discussed.

6.8. Public Works

Walsh Fence was the lowest bidder and will be repairing the Greenway fencing.

6.9. Water Pollution Control Authority

Ms. Browning asked about a resident who was questioning lateral discharge. She was advised to have the person contact Marcy at City Hall to review the address.

6.10. Building Department

Mr. Sill asked about the scaffolding at the building across the street and if any work is being done. Mr. Sarmiento said plans were submitted and they are awaiting a response from the city engineer.

Ms. DeGennaro asked about his inspection report schedule and why there were overlapping times. Mr. Sarmiento said they give a window of time and some inspections are quicker than others. If he's completed one quickly, he goes straight to the next inspection so the person doesn't have to wait.

Ms. Moran asked about the cars on the Barretta property. It will be looked into.

6.11. Facilities Inspector

Mr. Cota advised the Board that "clean and lien" was done on two properties.

6.12. Parking Division

Nothing was discussed.

6.13. Revolving Loan Fund

Nothing was discussed.

6.14. Chief of Staff

Mr. Baklik discussed the Johnson Controls project and whether or not minor scope changes need to be brought to full Board of Sub-Committee for a vote. Mr. Sampson said any changes should be included in the report submitted to the full Board.

6.15. Economic Development Liaison

The closing for the VARCA building is expected to occur in September.

6.16. Corporation Counsel – Including Planning and Zoning, Labor Counsel, and Outside Counsel

Nothing was discussed.

6.17. Parks and Recreation

The decision for maintenance at Payden Park needs to be made ASAP as it will be opening soon. Ms. DeGennaro and Mr. Sampson said they were set, but are awaiting information from Attorney Marino which they have not received yet.

6.18. Cultural Commission

Nothing was discussed.

6.19. Website Report of tickets for the month

Nothing was discussed.

6.20. Athletic Complex Building Committee

6.21. Field House and Baseball Field Building Committee

Nothing was discussed.

7. Administrative & Appointments

7.1. Approval of Minutes

7.1.1. Move to approve minutes from Regular Meeting – July 11, 2019

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Sill and the motion carried.

7.1.2. Move to approve minutes from Special Meeting – July 16, 2019

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino and the motion carried. Ms. DeGennaro and Mr. Donofrio abstained.

7.2. Refund of Taxes – Move to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4,654.57 dated August 1, 2019

Motioned to approve by Mr. Sill, seconded by Mr. Sampson and the motion carried.

7.3. Appointments to the Boards and Commissions

7.3.1. No action items this month.

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Blight Committee

8.1.1. Move to add 146-148 Smith Street to the Blight List

Motioned to approve by Mr. Joe DiMartino, seconded by Mr. Sill and the motion carried.

8.1.2. Move to add 27 Academy Hill Road to the Blight List

Motioned to approve by Mr. Joe DiMartino, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and the motion carried.

8.1.3. Move to add 33 Academy Hill Road to the Blight List

Motioned to approve by Mr. Joe DiMartino, seconded by Mr. Donofrio and the motion carried.

8.2. Community Relations

8.2.1. Move to approve vendor license application of Haroon Ramzan of Trinity Solar for door to door sales of residential solar panels.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Sill and the motion carried.

8.2.2. Move to approve the purchase of Vehicle #81 VIN: 1FDFE4FS4CDA13564 2012 Ford Star Trans from Valley Transit District in the amount of \$4,999.00 for use by the Derby Senior Center

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Sill and the motion carried.

8.2.3. Move to authorize the decommissioning of and to approve the sale/disposition of Derby Senior Center 15 passenger van.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Joe DiMartino and the motion carried.

8.2.4. Move to authorize the decommissioning and sale of Storm Ambulance's 2003 Ford Expedition.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Sill and the motion carried.

8.3. Operations and Procedures

8.3.1. ~~Joseph Payden Field House, Payden Park Baseball Field & Ryan Athletic Complex Staffing Discussion & Possible Action~~

8.4. Road Bond Project

8.4.1. No action items.

9. New Business

9.1. Move to approve the 2019-2020 Capital Plan as recommended by the Capital Planning Commission on July 17, 2019.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Jim DiMartino and the motion carried.

Ms. DeGennaro address Mr. Garofalo's concerns that were mentioned during public portion. She stated she thought that item could be funded through LOCIP and they are waiting for OPM to respond. Mr. Garofalo said it has been done in the past.

9.2. Purchase of Maybrook Railroad Spur. Discussion

Mr. Baklik said the tentative agreement is with corporation counsel as some details need to be worked out. He will be coming back to the Board with property appraisals.

9.3. Use of Caroline Street Cobblestones for Walkway at Derby Public Works Complex. Discussion & Possible Action on request to use 40 Cobblestones.

Motion to approve the use of 40 cobblestones from Caroline Street for the walkway at Derby Public Works.

Motioned by Mr. Sampson, seconded by Mr. Jim DiMartino and the motion carried.

10. Old Business

10.1. No action items.

11. Executive Session –

11.1. Pending Litigation – Workers Compensation Claim of Marcel LaJeunesse

Mr. Sampson motioned to enter into executive session at 7:58 PM, invite Corporation Counsel and Mr. Baklik. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting reopened at 8:10 PM.

12. Regular Session Action from Executive Session

12.1. Workers Compensation Claim of Marcel LaJeunesse – Discussion and Possible Action.

Mr. Sampson motioned to approve the proposed agreement dated July 25, 2019 and authorize Thomas Cafer to execute said agreement. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Donofrio recused.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Sill motioned to adjourn at 8:12 PM. Mr. Sill seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Kuskowski

These minutes are subject to the Board's approval at their next scheduled meeting.