

**Board of Selectmen
March 21, 2022
Town Hall
Veterans Memorial Hall, Sturbridge Town Hall
308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566**

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Mary Dowling, Vice Chair
Selectman Ian Dunnigan
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Absent:

Selectman Chase Kaitbenski, Clerk

Staff:

Robert Reed, Interim Town Administrator
Michelle Garman, Executive Assistant

Chair Blanchard called meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

The Selectmen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence - For all those affected by Covid-19 and the people of Ukraine and innocent Russian people.

Chair Blanchard read the agenda

Public Service Announcements - March 22, 2022 is the last day to register to vote for the Annual Town Election, which can be done at Town Hall at the Town Clerks Office.

Public Hearing

Gido's Brick Oven Pizza, Inc. has applied for a new liquor license at the premises located at 367 Main Street, Sturbridge.

Jenna Gidopoulos, President of Gido's Brick Oven Pizza gave a brief description of the business and operations. Mrs. Gidopoulos stated they are planning to be open for business by August 2022.

Chair Blanchard asked about the benches on the Main Street side are they for the Ice Cream part of the business. Chair Blanchard wanted clarification on the patio where alcohol will be served.

Motion: To close the public hearing

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Motion: To approve the application for a new liquor license for Gido's Brick Oven Pizza, Inc., at the premises located at 367 Main Street, Sturbridge. Subject to review of the civil plan for the outside patio.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Reed discussed the Main Street Pump Station advising that the meeting he had with Shane Moody and Butch Jackson that they would like to move forward with that project.

Mr. Reed stated he was recently made aware of some capital improvement items for Water and Sewer that could affect the operations of the plant. Mr. Reed spoke with Shane Moody and Butch Jackson about putting together a priority list of what needs to be done short term and long term.

Mr. Reed spoke about the Library HVAC project and that the amount for that has gone up substantially. He will have to revisit discussions with the Building Inspector and the Fire Chief regarding what additional options we may have and the costs.

Mr. Reed discussed the earmark of \$50,000.00 for the parking lot at 501 Main Street. The only way to get an extension to use after June 30, 2022 is if we earmark it for 501 Main Street.

Vice Chair Dowling stated the ARPA Committee is looking at using ARPA Funds for the parking lot at 501 Main Street, she believes at the next ARPA Committee meeting they will be voting on a few items to bring to the Board of Selectmen for consideration.

Department Report: Building Department

Nelson Burlingame, Building Inspector was absent.

Action Items:

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Constantine "Dino" Economos as a part-time custodian with the Facilities Department at the hourly rate of \$17.38.

Motion: To accept the appointment of Constantine "Dino" Economos as a part-time custodian with the Facilities Department at the hourly rate of \$17.38.

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Consideration and possible action on Rachel King's application for Taxicab/Livery License for Charles River Service, Inc.

Rachel King gave a brief description of her life and family history. She has been a cab driver in the past and loves people.

Motion: To approve Rachel King's application for a Taxicab/Livery license for Charles River Service, Inc.

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Consideration and possible action on the appointment of Elisa Krochmalnyckyj as a part-time recording secretary for the Finance Committee at the hourly rate of \$18.44.

Motion: To appoint Elisa Krochmalnyckyj as a part-time recording secretary for the Finance Committee at the hourly rate of \$18.44.

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Consideration and possible action on the Cable Television License with Charter Communications expiring on April 26, 2025.

Mr. Reed stated he wanted to make the Board aware of this and how does the Board want to handle it do they want to form a committee?

Chair Blanchard stated the last time this came around they formed a committee.

Mr. Reed stated we will notify the public and start a Cable Advisory Committee.

Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale in the amount of \$500.00 to the Sturbridge Senior Center.

Motion: To accept the donation from the Federated Church of Sturbridge and Fiskdale in the amount of \$500.00 to the Sturbridge Senior Center with gratitude.

By: Selectman Dunnigan

2nd: Selectman Goodwin

4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Consideration and possible action to accept a donation from The Publick House in the amount of \$92.00 to the Veteran's Fund.

Motion: To accept the donation from the Publick House in the amount of \$92.00 to the Veteran's fund with gratitude

By: Selectman Goodwin

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
4-0-1 (Selectman Kaitbenski Absent)

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Mr. Reed advised the Board that last week he and Chief Grasso conducted interviews for Deputy Fire Chief. The interview went very well and we had several qualified candidates.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Citizen's Forum

Executive Session: Per M.G.L. c.30A, Sec. 21(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body

Adjourn:

Motion: To enter executive session and not to reconvene open session

By: Vice Chair Dowling

2nd: Selectman Dunnigan

Selectman Dunnigan: Yes, Vice Chair Dowling: Yes, Selectman Goodwin: Yes, Chair

Blanchard: Yes, Selectman Kaitbenski: Absent

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Michelle Garman

Clerk of the Board: 

Date signed: 4/4/22