Board of Selectmen
June 7, 2021
Tantasqua Regional High School

Present:

Mary Blanchard, Chair
Mary Dowling, Vice Chair
Selectman Chase Kaitbenski, Clerk
Selectman Ian Dunnigan
Selectman Jamie Goodwin

Staff:

Jeff Bridges, Town Administrator
Alex McConnon, Executive Assistant

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

Consideration and possible action on Jean Borowski as the Food Service Coordinator for the Council on Aging

Motion: Confirm the appointment of Jean Borowski as a part-time Food Service Coordinator in the Senior Center with a rate of pay of $15.00 per hour contingent upon pre-employment screening.
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a $100 donation from Bruce and Miriam Mcguire to the Sturbridge Council on Aging

Motion: Accept the donation with thanks and authorize the spending thereof in accordance with the donation.
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on authorizing closing of Town Hall and Center Office Building at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17th in observance of Juneteenth holiday

Motion: Approve the closure of Town Hall and Center Office Building at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17th in addition to the closing at noon on Friday the 18th in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday.

By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the approval of a proposal for a sidewalk construction project at Tantasqua Junior High School

Mr. Bridges said Tantasqua requested that the Town be the grant recipient, so the Town is doing it on Tantasqua's behalf. Mr. Bridges said Butch Jackson, DPW Director went through it and approved it.

Motion: Accept the proposal from MEC Morse for the construction of a sidewalk at the Tantasqua Junior High School for $31,850.00
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a request from Heal Sturbridge, Inc. to authorize the Chief of Police under Section 3 of the Host Community Agreement to determine the need for traffic control

Mr. Bridges said this was also done for Local Roots and stated that Heal Sturbridge, Inc. recently requested to lift appointment only. Vice Chair Dowling requested that the motion be contingent on the ultimate discretion being by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Approve the request for onsite traffic control as well as appointment based booking to the Police Department provided that the Board of Selectmen retain the right to reimpose these restrictions if conditions warrant the restrictions.
By: Selectman Dunnigan
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on the confirmation of appointment of Darren Cook as a part-time Police Officer with the Sturbridge Police Department

Chief Dessert introduced Officer Cook and said he holds a Bachelor's degree from University of Connecticut. Per Chief Dessert, Officer Cook has recently retired and has gone through the process to get a permanent exemption letter from the Municipal Police Training Committee.

Motion: Confirm the appointment of Darren Cook as a part-time police officer with the Sturbridge Police Department effective June 8, 2021, with a salary of $32.95 per hour.
By: Selectman Goodwin
2nd: Selectman Kaitbenski

All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Consideration and possible action on a request of the Town Administrator to carry over unused vacation time

Vice Chair Dowling asked how much unused vacation time there was. Mr. Bridges said he has a little over three weeks that he hopes to use in the summer.

Motion: Approve the carryover vacation time for the Town Administrator.
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Goodwin
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
By: Selectman Kaitbenski
2nd: Selectman Dunnigan
All in favor
Vote: 5-0-0

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Alex McConnon

Clerk of the Board: _____ Date signed: 6/30/21