

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

February 6, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Neville, First Selectman; Paul Giusti and Johnny Potts, Selectmen.

ALSO PRESENT: George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Cheryl Jones, Personnel Director; John Howe, Parks Superintendent; Jim Cole, Police Commissioner; Rachel Kirkpatrick, New Canaan Advertiser; and Kristiana Glavin, New Canaan News-Review.

Judy Neville called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and called the role, noting the presence of all the Selectmen. She asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 3, 2007 be approved and, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, they were approved unanimously.

Mr. Howe presented a request from the Parks Department to purchase a 2007 Chevrolet pick-up truck for a low bid of \$26,995 from Karl Chevrolet. He explained that, after adding a two-way radio, snow plow attachment, and other upgrades, the total cost would be \$36,445, still below the budgeted amount of \$37,000. He disclosed that the 1991 truck that is being replaced would be junked. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, he request was approved unanimously.

The next item on the Agenda, the issuance of a proclamation honoring Aaron Rosand was deferred to a future meeting.

The Selectmen then, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, unanimously approved a request from the Rotary Club and the Young Women's League of New Canaan to place a sandwich board sign on the front lawn of Town Hall for the two weeks starting March 17, 2007, advertising the annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 31, 2007.

On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the Selectmen next unanimously appointed Ian Hobbs, Michael Avgerinos, Steve Risbridger, David Van Buskirk and Pam Ogilvie to the Town Lights "ad hoc" Committee. The goal of the Committee is to raise the funds necessary to install about 17 new lampposts on Main Street, thereby completing the Town's lamppost installation project

After Ms. Neville responded to Mr. Pott's inquiry into the necessity of legal services related to cell towers, the Selectmen, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, unanimously approved legal bills.

The Selectmen also, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, unanimously approved tax refunds.

At this point, 10:17 am, the Selectmen voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss the position of Health Director, to remove employees from probation, and to approve requests for attendance at conferences. After returning to regular session at 11:02 am, the Selectmen, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, unanimously approved the following:

- The hiring of Dr. David Reed as a part-time Health Director at \$125/hour. Dr. Reed would report directly to Richard Werner, Director of the Department of Health Services, and he would be required to file all necessary time and expense reports with Mr. Werner. A letter of understanding will be issued by the Town to Dr. Reed detailing the conditions of his employment.
- The removal of Assistant Fire Chief John Hennessey and firefighters John Aniello and Paul Wilson from probationary status.
- The attendance of Phyllis Jordan at a Tax Collectors Association Conference at a cost of \$475. Tax collector Louise Andronaco would also be encouraged to attend.

The request of Fire Marshall Fred Baker to attend the National Firefighters Association Conference was deferred to a future meeting.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

George Maranis, Secretary