

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

April 3, 2007

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

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Cheryl Jones, Personnel Director; Jim Rogers, Transfer Station Superintendent; Frank DeNicola, Director of Public Works; Rick Werner, Director of Health; Lew Annunziato, Chairman of the Town Council; Jim Beall, Chairman of the Police/Fire/EMS Building Committee; Chief Nadriczny of the NC Police Dept.; Jeb Walker, Chairman of the Park and Rec Commission; Dr. David Reed, Medical Director; Jim Cole, Police Commissioner; Carol McDonald, Director of Human Services; Jack Hennessey, Asst. Fire Chief; 4-5 Commercial Trash Haulers; Rachel Kirkpatrick, New Canaan Advertiser; Kristiana Glavin, New Canaan News-Review, Pamela Flynn, Executive Assistant .

Judy Neville called the meeting to order at 10:04 am and took the roll, noting the presence of all the Selectmen. She asked that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2007 be approved and they were approved unanimously, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti.

Item 2, Jim Beall spoke about the existing, abandoned, condition of the third floor of the Police Station and that the NC Police Station is small in comparison with state standards. Renovations would include new mechanical and electrical, north and south stairwells and rails, elevator for floors 1, 2 and 3 and partitions. The third floor will also serve as a temporary relocation space for several Town Hall employees during the Town Hall renovation. The Police EMS Building Committee received 10 bids, all within a close range. The request from the Committee is for an approval to award the renovation of the third floor, to the lowest bidder, GC Construction Company, LLC for the sum of \$1,123, 900 and to appropriate \$1,236,000 (base plus 10% contingency) for the project. If the BOS approves today, it will go before the BOF followed by the Town Council. Mr. Beall expects the contract will be signed in early May. He also offered a caveat, that there is always the unexpected in a renovation. He is not sure what they will find when they remove the windows, possibly asbestos. The request was approved on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti.

Next, Ms. Neville opened the floor for discussion regarding the possibility of rescinding the \$25 Transfer Station sticker fees. Mr. Bill Guiswaite from B&G Refuse spoke about the unfairness of the sticker fee issue and how they are being overcharged. They contend that all fees and charges should be

built into the Town's tax base. Jim Rogers stated that it costs the Town \$125 / ton to process the garbage at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Giusti said that the \$80 a ton tipping fee was as a result of meeting with and listening to the haulers at prior year's meetings, and the \$80 cost is right in the middle in comparison with other towns. Several other haulers echoed Mr. Guiswaite's sentiment and stated that they have lost customers and overall, it is the Town's responsibility for making costs equal and fair between all residents. There was no vote or decision. Ms. Neville thanked the haulers for coming.

Ms. Neville then read the request for approval to sign the contract with Williams Aviation Consultants, Inc for \$10,000 for aviation consulting services. This contract is in partnership with and pending Greenwich's approval. The Town attorney has read and responded to this and it is being reviewed today in Greenwich. This is the 5th or 6th consultant contacted on this subject. No action can be taken until the FAA releases its impact study. Mr. Potts was interested in the success rate of Williams in persuading the FAA to change its mind. Mr. Giusti spoke about the newly formed Aviation Advisory Committee and discussion followed on the consultant's potential plan of attack, noting that the FAA report is flawed and should be revised. On the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, the selectmen agreed, pending the approval of the attorneys in Greenwich, to sign a contract with Williams's Aviation Consultants, Inc. for \$10,000 to prepare scope of aviation consulting services. This contract will be in partnership with the Town of Greenwich.

Next on the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts, Guy Brossy, Fred Gabriele and Bea Boland were appointed to the Advisory Committee on Airport Noise.

On the motion of Mr. Giusti and the second of Mr. Potts, legal bills were approved unanimously.

At this point, 11:00 am, the Selectmen voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues (new hires and an employee seminar).

After returning to regular session at 11:25 am, the Selectmen, on the motion of Mr. Potts and the second of Mr. Giusti, voted unanimously to approve (1) Eric Twerdahl as Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator at \$75/hr; and (2) Bio Terrorism Coordinators; Vincent DeMaio at \$35/ hr, Leigh Cash at \$35/ hr will be hired for 2 months for the purpose of training Jennifer Lord who will be compensated at \$22/hr. All of the above is not to exceed \$58,000. Also approved was the attendance of Pamela Flynn at The Power of PR: Keys to Public Relations Success AMA Seminar in New York on May 7 and 8 for \$1695.

There being no further business, the Selectmen voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Pamela M. Flynn, Executive Assistant

