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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

First Selectman Mone, Selectman Barrett, Sr. and Selectman Perreault were present. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman, was available to take the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the meeting minutes of the March 15, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Appropriation of Kenea Park Funds/Clock Restoration:

Mary Beth Johnson and Dave Reynolds, members of the Beautification Committee, were in attendance for discussions.

Originally, the fund was set up to with the original bequest of \$25,000 in endowment funds are to be restricted. Any funds in excess of that original bequest are held "to accrue adequate perpetual care funds, but are not legally restricted and can be used for upkeep of the park.

Dave Reynolds indicated that they currently are in need of about \$400 for flowers and mulch, however, they would like to see money held in account for future gazebo and other infrastructure repairs like the brick walkway. The Town should secure 15% for maintenance fund going forward. Selectman Perreault feels the repair of the gazebo and/or any other infrastructure item should be the responsibility of the town as it is town property and we maintain other town parks; this should not be a function of the Beautification Committee.

Dave has a policy that should be established to protect the funds in the account going forward.

First Selectman Mone indicated that the clock is a part of the park as well and right now it is in dire need of restoration. He hoped that we could take \$10,500 from capital improvements, which has already been approved, and the other \$10,500 from the Kenea Park Fund, for a total of \$21,000, the cost to restore the clock.

First Selectman Mone indicated that there are other grant opportunities available, i.e. Connecticut Community Foundation, Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA), etc.

After discussion, it was decided not to exceed \$5,000 from the Kenea Park fund for restoration of the clock.

New Business/RFP's – Fire House Roof:

Weston & Sampson engineers designed the prints and specs. First Selectman Mone wanted to present to the selectmen before the legal notice went into papers. All agreed, send.

Old Business/LED Streetlighting Discussion:

First Selectman Mone explained to the Board that Johnson Controls fell short of the expected results of the energy performance upgrades. The contract was, therefore, not satisfied completely. Discussions ensued between Ed and J.C. that a deal might be worked out to make up the shortfall by either installing solar panels at WPCA facility and/or upgrade street lights to LED. Further discussion is needed.

First Selectman Mone feels the Town should at least do the audit to gauge the status of our inventory. Johnson Controls' bid is good until the end of May and would reduce their bid by the \$135,742 minus the \$45,000 rebate.

Board/Commission Appointments/Reappointments:

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to reappoint both Gary Wilson and Sean Czellecz to the Recreation Commission for another three-year term ending May 31, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Tax Refunds:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$143.53 to Ann Dunn, bill moved to Waterbury after payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,563.08 to Matthew Deziel, bill reduced by Assessor after audit of

records, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,586.66 to Matthew Deziel, bill reduced by Assessor after audit of records, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$221.96 to Friedman Perez, bill moved to Waterbury after payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$404.91 to Pajtim Reci, bill moved to Waterbury after payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$74.32 to Dituni Reci, moved bill to Waterbury after payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

Communications:

Letter from Data Haven about town demographics provided by Jeremy Leifert and Bob Flanagan.

Public Comment:

Glenn Clark wanted to know what Beautification Committee discussed re: projects.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.