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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman Mone, Selectman Mosimann and Selectman Barrett, Sr. 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 Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Motion carries 2-0, with one abstention.

New Business/Approval of Legal Fees for Zoning Violation:

Jeremy Leifert, ZEO was in attendance to present. He indicated that he was dealing with an enforcement issue with a resident in town. The resident has not, so far, responded to the five (5) letters Jeremy has sent, dating back to 2013, or a Cease and Desist Order served last summer. He now wants to move forward and file litigation to enforce the Cease and Deist order which would incur legal fees and costs. He needs the BOS approval of these fees.

The Board has no problem with the fees and approves. Jeremy will follow up with our Finance Director, Tracy Decker.

New Business/Review and Discussion of EDC Tax Assessment Abatement:

It was learned that tax assessment abatement is assessed on the difference between the assessed value and the improvements. Due to a staffing error in our Assessor's Office last year, these tax abatements were put aside. Therefore, we should not penalize the business owner as they made the improvements already.

New Business/Approval of Contract to Remove UST @ Black Rock School:

Ken Koval presented.

Ken indicated an RFP was issued to three (3) vendors for the removal of the underground fuel storage tank at Black Rock School. Only one response was received from Superior Tank Removal who previously performed the tank removal at the firehouse. It is estimated that the tank contains approximately 2,850 gallons of jelled fuel that will have to be removed and disposed of.

The project was approved in this year's capital budget for no more than \$35,000 based on an estimate provided by Weston & Sampson. Superior's quote is as follows:

• Fence removal and replacement, excavation, slab demo and tank removal	\$ 6,260.00
• Tank cleaning and vac truck	1,500.00
• Tank demo and disposal	<u>800.00</u>
	\$ 8,560.00
• Disposal of contents (est. 2,850 gallons @ \$2.95/gallon)	<u>8,407.50</u>
	\$ 16,967.50
• Tighe & Bond engineering fees	<u>3,700.00</u>
	\$ 20,667.50

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to authorize First Selectman Mone to enter into a contract with Tighe & Bond for engineering services and Superior Tank Removal to remove the underground storage tank at Black Rock School for an approximate cost of \$20,667.50 paid for through capital funds. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Approval of Contract re: Overhead Doors @ Firehouse:

Ken Koval presented.

Another project approved in this year's capital budget was for replacing the overhead doors at the firehouse. This project was approved for no more than \$24,500.

Ken indicated an RFP was issued to five (5) potential commercial overhead door vendors. They received only two (2) responses, one from Overhead Door of Waterbury and one from Overhead Door of Torrington. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Original Bid</u>	<u>Revised Bid (see note)</u>
Overhead Door of Waterbury	\$24,382.00	\$24,382.00
Overhead Door of Torrington	\$23,793.00	\$26,149.00

Overhead Door of Waterbury replaced the doors recently at the town garage and has performed repair work at the firehouse. Overhead Door of Torrington has previously done repair work at the firehouse.

NOTE: We became aware that the vendors might not have included the double-pane glass we requested for the door windows. Glenn Clark made a follow-up call to both vendors for clarification and they responded.

Torrington indicated the double-pane windows would add \$589.00 each to the bid. Waterbury indicated that the double-pane windows were already included in their original bid.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to authorize First Selectman Mone to enter into a contract with Overhead Door of Waterbury in the amount of \$24,382.00. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Approval of Contract re: Paving Project @ Firehouse:

Ken Koval presented.

Another project approved in this year's capital budget was for paving the front apron at the firehouse. This project was approved for no more than \$21,268.

Ken indicated that an RFP was issued to eight (8) potential vendors. They received two (2) responses, one from Cocchiola Paving and one from Connecticut Sealcoating. The bids were as follows:

Cocchiola Paving	\$21,267.50
CT Sealcoating	\$23,452.00

Cocchiola has performed work for the town before and I am told has done a good job.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to authorize First Selectman Mone to enter into a contract with Cocchiola Paving in the amount of \$21,267.50. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business/Review and Discussion of EDC Tax Assessment Abatement – 60 North Main Street:

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to table this item to the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations:

We received a letter of resignation from Bob Flanagan resigning his position as Thomaston’s representative to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), effective July 31, 2015.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to accept the resignation letter from Bob Flanagan, with regrets. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to appoint four (4) new members to the Light Up Thomaston Committee. They are Lindsey Levasseur, Michelle Levasseur, Tom Levasseur and Lauren Marano. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to amend the agenda to add to “Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations” – Ambulance Commission. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to reappoint both Rich O’Connell and Sharon Whalen to the Ambulance Commission for another three-year term to 2018. 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 \$22.30 to Linda White, vehicle sold July, 2015 and bill prorated after payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. 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 \$198.78 to Marion Depecol, veteran’s exemption left off bill in error, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. 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 \$201.78 to Marion Depecol, veteran's exemption left off bill in error, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. 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 \$196.98 to Marion Depecol, veteran's exemption left off bill in error, refunding overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. 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 \$16.82 to Joseph Moritis, bill was paid by personal check, refunding duplicate credit card payment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Mosimann. With all in favor, motion carries.

Communication:

First Selectman Mone informed the Board that the Town received a Member's Equity Distribution check in the amount of \$9,842. This distribution is an extraordinary achievement made possible by the commitment and collaboration of CIRMA's members, their strong capital position and stable financial performance.

Public Comment:

Christine Yoos – asked where check came from. First Selectman Mone indicated from CIRMA.

Robby Piazzaroli/Town Times – asked question about tax abatements.

A motion was made by Selectman Mosimann to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

