

Chairman Gill called the meeting to order 7:30 PM at the Town Hall Auditorium with members Charles Coldwell, Joseph Gill, John Mackey, Jerome Selissen and John Ryan present. Town Manager Dave Cressman, Town Counsel Charles Zaroulis and Recording Secretary Heather Tecce were also present.

Thomas Carbone, Director of Public Health – Citation

Chairman Gill presented Mr. Carbone with a Selectmen's Citation and thanked him on behalf of this board and the town for 16 years of exceptional service.

Donna Walsh, Finance Director – Borrowing

Donna Walsh appeared before this board to present this Board bonds to be signed for the Towns borrowing.

Motion by Mr. Mackey second by Mr. Ryan

I, the Secretary of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, hereby certify that at a meeting of the Selectmen on February 7, 2006, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following was passed:

Voted: "that the sale of the \$14,420,000 General Obligation Bonds be awarded as follows:

\$14,420,000 General Obligation Bonds dated February 15, 2006 maturing February 15, 2007 – 2035 be awarded to Merrill Lynch & Co at rate of 4.286621% and a premium of \$37,747.79 and \$26,067,000 Bond Anticipation Notes dated February 17, 2006 maturing February 16, 2007 be awarded to Parker Hunter \$15,000,000 at 4.5% Premium of \$172,950, Net Interest cost of 3.3438% and Sovereign Securities \$11,067,000 at 4.5% Premium of \$126,053,013, Net interest cost of 3.3578%.

I further certify that the vote were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and copy there of posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the Town at least 48 hours, including Saturdays, but not Sunday and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the notes were taken in executive session and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L.t.39, s23 as amended and the board voted unanimously. Polled all yes.

Residents – none appeared

Town Manager

Town Counsel Invoice

Motion by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Selissen to approve Town Counsel Invoice of January 10, 2006 and the board voted unanimously.

FY2006 Budget Update

Mr. Cressman reviewed the budget updates as requested previously from this board including salaries and operating increases. Mr. Gill would also like to get an update on expected revenues. Mr. Cressman will get the revenue figures.

Senior Account Clerk – Finance Dept.

Motion by Mr. Selissen second by Mr. Ryan to post position and the board voted unanimously.

Sewer Administration/Plumbing Inspection Fees Waived

The Water/Sewer Rate Committee has suggested in an effort to stimulate the connecting to sewer that this board approve waiving the \$90.00 fee through July 1, 2006. Mr. Ryan is reluctant to get involved being that this is such a small incentive continuing that there will be the residents that signed up yesterday or last week and will not be entitled to the \$90.00 deduction. Members of this board agree that Mr. Ryan has a valid point.

Motion by Mr. Selissen second by Mr. Coldwell to approve waiving of the fee. 4 – against, 1 – in favor. Mr. Selissen voted in favor.

Executive Session

AFSCME Grievance – Water Treatment Plant

IAFF Grievance

Minutes

Motion by Mr. Mackey second by Mr. Coldwell to approve minutes of 9-20-05 and 11-22-2005 and the board voted unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Selissen reported that there will be a water sewer meeting March 1, 2006.

Mr. Ryan reported that there will be a DPW subcommittee meeting February 8, 2006.

Mr. Mackey reported that we have received a response from the Mass. DPH Dr. Elizabeth Childs and he would like to make the following motion.

Motion by Mr. Mackey second by Mr. Ryan that this board forward another letter to Dr. Childs requesting the status of all past agreements between the Town and the Department of Mental Health. Furthermore, if any agreements or promises have been breached a request for a response as to why we were not notified of the policy change with copies to State Delegation, Gov. Romney, and Chief Donovan and the board voted unanimously.

Mr. Coldwell reported that the Senior Center is a quarter completed.

Mr. Gill is requesting an update on the East/Chandler light situation. Mr. Gill questioned how the new cell tower at South Street ended up where it did. Mr. Selissen commented that if the Flag is hung 24/7 it should be lit.

Attorney Zaroulis reported that Mark Browboski is requesting re-appointment as a special municipal employee. **Motion** by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Coldwell to re-appoint Mark Browboski as a special municipal employee with Mr. Browboski sending a letter requesting this and the board voted unanimously.

ICMA Deferred Compensation

Motion by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Coldwell to approve new plan accepted into the Town of Tewksbury and the board voted unanimously.

Council on Aging

Motion by Mr. Coldwell second by Mr. Gill to appoint Carolyn French to the Council and the board voted 3 in favor two opposed. Mr. Coldwell, Mr. Gill, and Mr. Selissen voted yes. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Mackey voted no.

Motion by Mr. Mackey second by Mr. Ryan to appoint Mrs. Kerr. No vote taken.

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Recycling Committee

Motion by Mr. Ryan second by Mr. Mackey to appoint Cathy Pierce to the Recycling Committee and the board voted unanimously.

Sidewalk Committee

Motion by Mr. Mackey second by Mr. Ryan to accept letter of resignation and send letter of thanks to Sandra Campo and post position and the board voted unanimously.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be February 28, 2006 at Town Hall Auditorium

Motion by Mr. Coldwell, second by Mr. Mackey at 8:45 PM and unanimously voted to go into Executive Session. Polled all yes.

John R. Mackey, Clerk