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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023
TOWN HALL
LOWER- LEVEL MEETING ROOM
7:00 P.M.**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Selectman PJ Shanley
Selectman John Carangelo

Vincent Marino, Town Counsel
Ann Denny, Secretary
Bob Brinton, Town Engineer
Gary Giroux, Cardinal Engineering

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(2 minutes per person)

Tom Pisano, 523 Fairway Road is working on a petition for the cornfields at Fred Wolfe Park and has a question about the 2-minute limit for speaking during public participation. Fire Chief Vaughan Dumas 307 Great Oak Road is looking for guidance on who the Fire Department needs to obtain permission from for the use of antennas on the cell tower at 525 Orange Center Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:
In Memorium: Charles Waskiewicz, Brian Hansen, and Joe Moncheski

Selectmen Goldblatt thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Highway Department, and AMR, for their quick and professional response when a storm brought down a tree and branch during a gathering he was having at his home. He also acknowledged Selectman Judy Williams for 10 years fighting cancer.

MINUTES

- ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams, ***the Board approved the minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen 5-0-1. Selectmen Zeoli, Carangelo, Goldblatt, Shanley, and Williams voted aye and Selectman Okenquist abstained.***

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request for Design Engineering Services for Brookside Drive & Glenbrook Road Diversion Culvert using American Rescue Funds** –Gary Giroux of Cardinal Engineering presented an alternative design plan for a diversion culvert in the Brookside Drive and Glenbrook Road area. The estimated construction cost is 2.2 million dollars vs. the 3.4 million in the previous engineering design. The diversion is approximately 1,000’ long and will not involve doing any work in the yards of property owners in the area, it will all be done in the street which there will be no issue because there are no utilities underground. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, ***the board approved awarding the design engineering services work for the Brookside Drive and Glenbrook Road diversion culvert alternative to Cardinal Engineering in an amount up to \$138,600 using American Rescue Funds.***
2. **Request for construction engineering services work for culvert replacement projects at Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane** – Town Engineer Bob Brinton requested awarding construction engineering services in an amount up to \$27,500 to Cardinal Engineering, the engineers who designed the culverts being replaced at Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane. The project has already been bid and awarded but due to delays in getting the concrete products the project may not start until summer of 2024 at the earliest. This money is for overseeing the construction process. ***On a motion*** made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Shanley and unanimously carried, ***the board approved awarding the construction engineering services work for culvert replacement projects at Old Country Road and Coachmans Lane to Cardinal Engineering in an amount up to \$27,500 using American Rescue Funds.***
3. **Discussion of 2023 STEAP Grant Application** – First Selectman Zeoli would like to apply for a STEAP Grant for pickleball courts at Fred Wolfe Park. He has been in touch with the company that did the tennis courts at HPCC and is waiting on an estimate for constructing 4 courts. This would go out to bid if the grant can be secured. First Selectmen Zeoli would like Selectmen Carangelo and Shanley to share this with BL Companies to consider as possible future activity in the park. This was on the agenda as an item for discussion, there was no motion on the item.

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt reported the committee meets next Thursday 8/17/23. It is the annual meeting with the actuary.
2. **FWP ADHOC Committee** – Selectman Carangelo reported the committee’s next meeting is August 24th at 5:30 p.m. and they are moving forward with BL Companies on the traffic and safety study. The contract should be signed soon.

At 7:50 P.M., Selectman Williams made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Okenquist seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen