

**Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2021**

Present: The members of the Select Board all participated remotely via using GoToWebinar: Mr. Frank DelVecchio, Chairman; Mr. Neil Rhein, Vice-Chair; Mr. Jess Aptowitz, Clerk; and Mr. Steve Schoonveld. Mr. Kevin Dumas, Town Manager and Mr. Barry LaCasse, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director also participated using the GoToWebinar.

1. Call To Order Select Board Meeting - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 5:04PM. He then asked those present to state the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast live and taped for future broadcast on Mansfield Cable. Chairman DelVecchio read a statement and provided an email address and phone number to those watching directing residents to send their questions in, and they would receive a response within twenty-four hours.

2. Discussion of COVID Violations for Sake Steakhouse

Mr. Dumas stated the COVID violations for Sake Steakhouse and provided a summary of the Board of Health's meeting and the fines they issued the establishment were \$3,700. Mr. Dumas stated that the ABCC or the LLA has the authority to take additional action. Chairman DelVecchio confirmed that the Board would have to notify Sake Steakhouse if they wanted to take action at their next meeting and wanted a consensus from the Board if they wanted to do so. Mr. Trowbridge commented that it would be important to bring in the managers because there are many restaurants that are struggling with all of the restrictions and it sends a bad message if the Board does not have a hearing. Mr. Schoonveld agreed that it is important to talk to the manager. He noted that the BOH did a thorough review and asked if the Board has the ability to fine the business. Mr. Dumas stated that the language provided gives the Board latitude to suspend, revoke or cancel a license or take other enforcement action. Chairman DelVecchio stated that it was the majority's opinion to have on the next meeting agenda and to notify Sake.

3. Discussion and Consideration of FY21 Goals and Objectives

Chairman DelVecchio provided a review of how this document was created and Mr. Rhein gave a summary of the Tier 1 Goals and reviewed the columns in the document. Each Select Board gave comments on the document and lengthy discussion was had as to include a completion date or not because COVID may impact the ability of the items to be accomplished. Mr. Trowbridge asked for the following text to be added to the document, "COVID-19 has been a priority the well being of the citizens and employees as well as the financial implication. The goals in this document may not be completed by date suggested due to situations that may arise."

Motion: To approve the goals as presented with the additional text by Mr. Trowbridge noted above.
(Trowbridge/Aptowitz) **Passes 5:0**

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DelVecchio -Yes

4. Resident Questions and Comments

Mr. Peter Wiggins was on the webinar and stated that he walked Downtown Mansfield and he said Mansfield is growing and very busy. Mr. Wiggins also asked for everyone to keep the Norton police officer and his family in your thoughts because he lost his battle with COVID.

5. Review and Approve Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda may be adopted with a single motion. Any member of the Select Board may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration in which case that item will be voted on separately from the remainder of the Consent Agenda. All licenses have been routed through Town Hall Departments and any conditions have been noted below.

a) **Vote To Approve Warrants:**

- Town Vendor Warrant No. 21028T in the amount of \$1,944,204.92
- Electric Vendor Warrant No. 21028E in the amount of \$276,557.30

b) Permits and Licenses:

- Consideration of 2021 Drainlayers License for Jones Contracting Inc.
- Consideration of 2021 Drainlayers License for G. Lopes Construction Inc.
- Consideration of 2021 Drainlayers License for Peter DeGirolamo & Sons Inc.
- Consideration of Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday May 15, 2021 and permission for signage on North and South Commons.
- Consideration of Banner Application for Garden Club Plant Sale to be displayed May 3rd to May 17th, 2021

Motion: To approve the consent agenda. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DeVecchio -Yes

6. Consideration and Approval of Town Payroll Warrants:

- **Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21028PT in the amount of \$377,201.91**

Motion: To approve Town Payroll/Town Medicaid Payroll 21028PT in the amount of \$377,201.91.

(Aptowitz/Trowbridge) **Passes 3:1:1**

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – No Aptowitz – Abstain DeVecchio – Yes

- **Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21028TV in the amount of \$119,847.07**

Motion: To approve Town Deductions Vendor Payroll 21028TV in the amount of \$119,847.07.

(Aptowitz/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DeVecchio -Yes

7. Select Board Member's Comments and Questions

Mr. Schoonveld commended Coach Vaughan who got his 300th win and asked for a proclamation to be prepared. Mr. Aptowitz offered condolences to the family of Gerry Abbott who recently passed away. He stated that she was a Mansfield icon who began Gerry Abbott Realty. Mr. Trowbridge noted that it was Mr. Dumas's third Anniversary and added that Mr. Dumas has showed a lot of energy, a great attitude and hard work. He stated that things are getting done to better the Town. Mr. Rhein agreed with Mr. Trowbridge and added that Mr. Dumas has energy for sure. Mr. Rhein then asked if DPW could put up a sign that all sports of clubs could be acknowledge for any future Championships. Mr. Rhein also stated that it would be helpful to have a graph or chart to show the COVID trend line so people can easily see if the numbers are going up or down from day to day.

8. Any items not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to this meeting


There were no items.

9. Adjourn

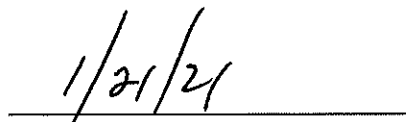
Motion: To adjourn the Select Board Meeting of January 13, 2021 at 6:09PM. (Aptowitz/Trowbridge) **Passes 5:0**

Roll Call Vote:

Rhein – Yes Trowbridge – Yes Schoonveld – Yes Aptowitz – Yes DeVecchio - Yes



Signature



Date

Minutes prepared by Carrie Champagne