

Town Council Meeting
May 23, 2019

The May 23, 2019 Town Council Meeting was called to order by Denise L. DiFranco, President of the Foster Town Council, at the Benjamin Eddy Building at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:	Also present:
Denise L. DiFranco, President	Mark Tourgee, Town Solicitor
Heidi Rogers	Kelli Russ, Treasurer
Joe Cardillo	Robert Lohr, DPW Director
Chris Stone	
Cheryl Hawes, Vice President	

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| I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| II. PUBLIC COMMENT /ANNOUNCEMENTS | <p>Council President Denise DiFranco asked for a moment of silence for Rick Ruggeri who had recently passed away.</p> <p>Ms. DiFranco also mentioned the Memorial Day Parade that would be held on Monday May 27th and invited her fellow Council Members and the Town Clerk to join her. She stated that the parade would begin at 8:45 at the end of North Road and would end at the Benjamin Eddy Building at 9:00.</p> <p>Ms. DiFranco noted that the volunteer Fire Departments and the Ambulance Corps were in need of daytime coverage and were looking for volunteers to join and help out.</p> |
| III. CONSENT AGENDA | <p>Chris Stone moved, Cheryl Hawes seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of minutes for the May 7, 2019 Financial Town Meeting and May 9, 2019 Town Council Meetings.2. Approval of Payroll Warrants<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. #45 \$33,184.91 b. #46 \$32,881.54c. General Warrant #20 \$64,672.183. Approval of Monthly Reports for April, 2019.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Human Services• Police Dept.• RIRRC• Tax Assessor• Planning <p>Discussion: None.
Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |
| IV. OLD BUSINESS | |
| A. IT and Server Contract | <p>Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve the computer system contract from Genesys.</p> <p>Discussion: Mark Tourgee stated that the contract (exhibit a) had standard language and contained the price that the Town had already agreed upon and deferred to Kelli Russ. Ms. Russ stated that she had spoken with Genesys and that the delay in payment resulting from the timing of the Town’s warrant would not be an issue as it was never an issue in the past.</p> <p>Kelli addressed the month to month variable that could affect the monthly bill and noted that the only time it would change would be if the Town added a user, a computer were to break down or if additional space was needed.</p> <p>Section 4.1 was discussed. Making a change to the contract regarding the “90 day notice before the contract would automatically renew for an additional year” was suggested.</p> <p>Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to amend the original motion to include making changes to section 4.1 in the contract, to remove the provision for automatic yearly renewal after the 5 year contract.</p> <p>Amended Motion passed 5-0.
Main Motion passed 5 – 0.</p> |

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**V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Oral Presentations**

1. DPW

DPW Director Robert Lohr reviewed his report. He stated that he had hired a tree service and had them work two days during the current week and that they would be working 2 days the following week. He was planning to meet with Kelli to see if he could use additional funds for tree cutting. He mentioned that he had helped with the Earth Day clean-up that had taken place on April 27, 2019. He also told the Council about a new material that is being used to seal fine cracks in the road, in an attempt to extend the life of the roads 5-6 years, and that he is hoping to use it and start on Balcom Rd. and Old Plainfield Pike. There was discussion regarding the temporary mechanic that was working part-time at the moment, but might be interested in a possible full time position. Kelli Russ brought up possible Union issues and ways to work that out. .

**2. Finance
Director**

Finance Director Kelli Russ stated that she was busy working with Department Heads and still working on the Audit and the Municipal Transparency Portal and that it was very time consuming but getting done and that the Town was in compliance. She mentioned that tax payments were coming in slowly. The Tax Collector had been collecting email addresses and sending email blast reminders and was having success with this. Automatic payments were discussed, which may bring in money more quickly and be convenient for busy residents, and Nancy Deleare the Tax Collector, will be researching this. Kelli noted that the Town was not going to meet our budget for the current year tax collections altho we are on target for most of the expenses. Ms. Russ stated that a new contract for an auditor would be needed soon and that she would be starting the process for an RFP. She noted that she had a couple of meetings coming up that she would be attending, one with WB Community Health, a scheduled in-house meeting for I-Vision for the Foster School and the Foster-Glocester Regional schools to help with the rollover for the new year and a Labor Seminar in June.

**B. Resolution
2019-08**

Denise DiFranco read Resolution 2019-08 (exhibit b.) in Support of the Authorization to Fully Fund E-911 Service to Provide Adequate Support, Training and Equipment Services that Fully Serve the Public Safety Health Care Needs of Rhode Islanders.

Heidi Rogers moved, Chris Stone seconded, to adopt Resolution 2019-08 and send copies to our State Senator and Representative.
Discussion: None
5/0 motion to adopt Resolution 2019-08 passed.

**C. Rambone Trash
Pick-up Contract**

DPW Director Robert Lohr spoke in regards to the new Rambone Trash Pick-Up Contract (exhibit c.) stating that the increase was a little higher than expected, but that he had gone back to 2013 to look at the bids from the time of the original contract and that this increased price from Rambone was still lower than the 2nd place bidder at that time. He advised that the Town extend the contract for another three years. Discussion followed regarding extending the contract one year at a time or extending it for three years.

Chris Stone moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to extend the Rambone Trash Pick-Up renewal contract from now until 2022.
Discussion: Kelli Russ, Council members and a member of the audience regarding the yearly increase from year one to year three.
Motion passed, 5/0

**D. Additions and
Abatements**

Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to approve the tax assorsors motor vehicle abatement for 2018 in the amount of \$84.43.
Discussion: None
5/0 motion passed.

**VI. FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS**

- Genesys contact, personel
- Police Building Committee update

Heidi Rogers moved, Joe Cardillo seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

A digital sound file is made a part of the record for a complete account of the council meeting.

Submitted by,

Susan Sprague, Deputy Town Clerk