

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2022
4:00 pm Via Webex
and
In-Person in the First Floor Conference Room
Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZNT7Ca3kCM>.

FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick, Selectman Thomas Flynn, Selectwoman Nancy Lefkowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Corsillo, Purchasing Director Gerald Foley, Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Police Chief Robert Kalamaras, WPCF Superintendent John Bodie, Town Attorney James Baldwin, Attorney Matthew Tuccillo, FairTV

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectwoman Kupchick called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to add an item for information regarding the WPCF. First Selectwoman Kupchick seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

First Selectwoman Kupchick said the main digester tank at the WPCF has been broken since March of 2022 and is being repaired. She said the situation has caused a very strong unpleasant odor in the area. She said the Health Director has been to the facility. WPCF Superintendent John Bodie said the cleaning should be finished by Wednesday, November 23rd. He said there is a bid package out for the repair. He said there will be a special meeting next week appropriating funding from the WPCA Fund Balance so the contractor can be awarded by mid-January. He said this approval will be on the next meeting BOS agenda on 12/5/22 and then will need BOF and RTM approval.

First Selectwoman Kupchick said the odor is caused by sewage-related gasses that do not contain infectious material and air testing will be performed. Mr. Bodie said some of the odors will be gone by Wednesday. He said the main focus of the odor will be fixed once the tank is repaired and working properly. He said the cleaning is supposed to take place every 10 years. He said this tank has not been cleaned in 20 years. It was agreed by the Board and by Mr. Bodie that the public should have been notified of the repairs and the potential for odor.

3) **RESIGNATION (*for information only*)**

Town Plan and Zoning Commission

Fredda C. Gordon (D) 466 Davis Road, term 11/21-11/25
(resigned on October 24, 2022)

The Board of Selectmen thanked Fredda Gordon for serving the Town.

- 4) APPOINTMENT
Town Plan and Zoning Commission (*only requires BOS approval*)
Thomas Corsillo (D) 839 Church Hill Road, term 11/21-11/25
(to fill a vacancy for Fredda C. Gordon (D) who resigned)

Selectwoman Lefkowitz made a motion to approve the appointment of Thomas Corsillo to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission. Selectman Flynn seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Board thanked him for stepping up to serve the Town.

- 5) PURCHASING AUTHORITY
To hear, consider and authorize the Purchasing Authority to enter into proposed contracts with Constellation New Energy, Inc. to provide electrical generation services for the Town and Fairfield Public Schools commencing with the United Illuminating Co, December, 2023 meter reading period and expiring on the December, 2025 meter reading period. Funding for these services is available in multiple Town and Fairfield Public Schools operating budget accounts.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 5. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

Purchasing Director Gerald Foley presented this item. He said the Town's electrical generation services is through a third-party supplier. Mr. Foley said he looked into three companies to procure electricity. He said Constellation New Energy, Inc had the best pricing. He said the company will be purchasing with five other towns in the area and all towns have agreed or they are in the process of approving. There was a discussion about index/block pricing which had determined Constellation to be the most effective choice.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 6) PURCHASING AUTHORITY
To hear, consider and authorize the Purchasing Authority to enter into proposed contract(s) with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Motorola) to provide communications system upgrades for the Fire and Police Departments, per Motorola's proposal dated October 10, 2022, pricing consistent with State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services Contract Awards #A-99-001 and #967-A-23-0338C, in an amount not to exceed \$6,622,986.00. Funding for these system upgrades are available in Account #26009010-57000-FY222 [Capital Outlay Account – Emergency Radio Project].

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 6. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Police Chief Robert Kalamaras and Purchasing Director Gerald Foley presented this item. Chief Kalamaras said the current radios are antiquated and this upgrade would be performed through Motorola and Norcon. He said the Police Department also received a \$3.5 million grant. First Selectwoman Kupchick thanked Senator Blumenthal who helped the Town to receive the grant.

Chief Kalamaras said this will benefit the Fire Department as well as the current radios do not have good coverage. He said this upgrade will allow these departments to communicate with other first responders in the State. He said some channels will be encrypted. He said the balance after the grant will be paid through a 10-year bond. Selectman Flynn said this will be a significant investment for Town safety.

The motion carried unanimously.

7) PURCHASING AUTHORITY

To hear, consider and authorize the Purchasing Authority to enter into proposed ten (10) year site lease contract(s) with Crown Atlantic Company, LLC [d/b/a Crown Castle] to provide the Town with a license to install, operate and maintain communication equipment on Crown Castle's cell tower site [BRG 126 943086, BU#806355], in an amount not to exceed \$427,000.00. Funding for this lease is available in Accounts #26009010-57000-FY222 [Capital Outlay– Emergency Radio Project] and #01004030-53310 [Operating Budget – Rental and Storage].

Selectman Flynn made a motion to approve Item 7. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion.

Fire Chief Denis McCarthy, Police Chief Robert Kalamaras and Purchasing Director Gerald Foley presented this item as well. Chief Kalamaras said the new radio program is contingent on this contract. He said other alternatives were looked into and none were found.

The motion carried unanimously.

8) TOWN ATTORNEY

Executive Session – Fluor Securities Litigation with Attorney Matthew Tuccillo and Town Attorney Jim Baldwin

Selectman Flynn made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:25 pm to discuss confidential Town matters. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Selectman Flynn made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:16 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Fluor Securities Litigation was discussed with Attorney Matthew Tuccillo and when he vacated the session, the Board discussed the status of the Fill Pile Civil Case with Town Attorney James Baldwin.

No votes were taken during or after Executive Session.

9) To hear, consider and act upon any other business which shall properly come before this meeting

No other business was discussed.

10) Adjourn

Selectman Flynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the

motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary