

*Town of New Fairfield*  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**4 Brush Hill Road**  
**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

MINUTES  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 28, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Community Room at 33 Route 37**

**Members present:**

Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Lori-Ann Beninson, Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman

**Other Town Officials Present:**

Olga Melnikov, Finance Director

**Call To Order** First Selectman Pat Del Monaco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment-** None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Selectman Khris Hall reminded everyone that the make up date for the rained out New Fairfield Day will be Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Addition to the Agenda**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to add agenda item #14A “Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the tentative agreement with Teamsters Local 443- Public Works Employees”.

Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2023.

Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Budget Transfers**

Finance Director Olga Melnikov gave a brief explanation on the reason for this transfer.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Intra Departmental transfer for fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$2,440.00. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$2,440.00	001-4310-0000-000/452.00	Public Works-Town Aid/LOCIP	\$2,440.00	001-4310-0000-000/130.00	Public Works-Overtime
<b>\$2,440.00</b>			<b>\$2,440.00</b>		

### **Approve Tax Refunds recommended by the Tax Collector**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's refund requests for September 28, 2023 totaling \$4,338.84 as presented. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Personnel Report**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the Personnel Report dated September 28, 2023 as presented. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Appointments**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to appoint Vinny Mancuso as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

The entire BOS thanked Mr. Mancuso for his service to the Town.

### **New Business**

#### **Vote to accept \$2.1 million COPS Grant**

Pat Del Monaco noted that in order to accept this grant, an online account must be set up by the BOS. The entire BOS thanked Representative Jahana Hayes for all her work in securing this grant. It was noted that the Communications Ad Hoc Committee will reconvene in order to figure out the best use of this grant.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to accept the COPS Grant in the amount of \$2.1 million from the US Department of Justice for the purpose of upgrading the Emergency Radio Communications System. Lori Beninson seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Vote to approve use of Senior Center ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds**

Pat Del Monaco noted that there are separate ARPA funds specifically for Senior Centers. It was decided to use this grant for facility improvements including installation of up to date audio and visual equipment throughout the Senior Center and training of staff in the system. The total of this grant is \$33,738.42.

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the use of Senior Center ARPA funds for installation of up to date audio and visual equipment throughout the Senior Center and training of staff. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Vote on Finance Department Policies and Procedures**

Finance Director Olga Melnikov spoke of changes to the policies and procedures for the Finance Department to more accurately represent the current work flow. Two notable changes are transferring to digital which will allow departments to communicate more easily with each other. The second change is allowing payments to vendors to be done by direct deposit thus saving both time and money for the Town.

### **Old Business**

**Economic Development Commission Recommendation ARPA Small Business Grants-** None

**Public Comment-** None

### **Executive Session**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:53 pm for the purpose of discussing Teamsters Local #443 Public Works contract. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to come out of Executive Session at approximately 8:15 pm Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to approve the tentative agreement with Teamsters Local 443- Public Works Employees with the following dates (Section 9- Teamsters Health Services and Insurance plan effective upon execution \$11.50 per hour, effective July 1, 2024- \$12.00 per hour, effective July 1, 2025- \$12.50, effective July 1, 2026- \$12.50 per hour. Khris Hall seconded the motion. **Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Adjournment**

Pat Del Monaco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm. Khris Hall seconded the motion.

**Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Kloos

Received by email on 10/05/2023 @ 10:55 a.m.  
by Tricia Quinn, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield