



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

January 25th, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768710098>

Call to Order: Ann Santos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Ann Santos led the body in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Ann McGonigle Santos, Chair; Julie Smith-Galvin, Vice-Chair; Mehreen N. Butt; Jonathan P. Chines; Paul R. DiNocco; Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. and Peter J. May.

Administration Present: Sherri A. Dalton, Town Council Clerk and Stephen P. Maio, Town Administrator.

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Contract Negotiations: Ann Santos stated there is a need for Executive Session to discuss the Clerical Union Contract because an open meeting may have detrimental effects on the Town, with the intent of returning to open session. Paul R. DiNocco so motioned at 6:32 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 on a roll call vote with all seven councilors voting in the affirmative.

Open session returned at 6:51 p.m.

Public Engagement: There was no public engagement.

COVID-19 Update: Health Director Clay and Emergency Management Director Walsh stated Wakefield numbers are still in the red. The American Mutual Building is the site for the vaccination clinic that the Town is doing in conjunction with the public health collaborative and they have committed to using the Pfizer vaccine. All information in on the Town's website with links to the State's website.

Approval of Minutes: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the January 11th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Appointments: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to appoint all four (4) student liaison candidates to the Environmental Sustainability Committee as outlined in the meeting material and recommended by the Environmental Sustainability Committee. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

First Round of Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets: Evan Kenney, Chairman of the Finance Committee Town Hall Subcommittee recommended favorable action on the following budgets as proposed by Town Accountant Gill. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the following 2022 budgets as proposed. Jonathan Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Budget #2 Accounting Department in the amount of \$443,709.00; Budget #4 Treasury Department in the amount of



\$226,633.00; Budget #5 Legal Department in the amount of \$191,185.00; Budget #7 Tax Department in the amount of \$289,810.00; Budget #8 Assessing Department in the amount of \$239,319.00; Budget #9 Clerk Department in the amount of \$237,939.00; Budget #10 Election and Registration in the amount of \$37,700.00; Budget #11 Election Expense in the amount of \$12,925.00; Budget #12 Finance Committee in the amount of \$7,060.00; Budget #13 Conservation Department in the amount of \$48,372.00; Budget #14 Planning Department in the amount of \$12,975.00; Budget #15 Board of Appeals in the amount of \$27,800.00; Budget #18 Fire Alarm in the amount of \$63,515.00; Budget # 19 Emergency Management in the amount of \$75,436.00; Budget #20 Inspectional Services Department in the amount of \$384,029.00; Budget #25 Council on Aging in the amount of \$260,320.00; Budget #27 Recreation Department in the amount of \$116,682.00; Budget #28 Veteran's Services in the amount of \$249,601.00; Budget #36 Street Lights in the amount of \$188,131.00; Budget #38 Historical Commission in the amount of \$2,000.00; Budget #41 Unemployment in the amount of \$75,000.00; Budget #42 Reserve Fund in the amount of \$300,000.00; Budget #44 Professional Medical in the amount of \$10,850.00.

Gift Acceptance: Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$11,000.00 from various donors with thanks. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Announcements: Ann Santos acknowledged Police and Fire Departments and ambulance company with the death of Pamela Wood; stated that the public needs to use the councilors email addresses instead of social media. Paul R. DiNocco: state the letter he put on Facebook regarding his decision to not run in the upcoming election for another term on the Town Council is real and not fake; Jonathan P. Chines: thanked Paul and enjoyed working with him on the Council; the first public forum for Wakefield Vision 2030 is March 04th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and acknowledged members of the Advisory Group; MMA Conference – two things that were helpful for him was 1. the fiscal outlook update from the State and 2. issues of racial justice and bias in our communities; Human Rights Commission is sponsoring two Training Active Bystanders (TAB) workshops; Wakefield Public Schools is holding a public mental health forum. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.: condolences to the entire Pamela Wood family; acknowledged and thanked the difficult work by the Police and Fire Departments. Julie Smith-Galvin: Safe Streets Working Group is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Town Administrator Maio: thank you to everyone – the police department is doing as well as can be expected.

Matters Not Anticipated for Agenda: There were no matters unanticipated.

Adjournment: Mehreen N. Butt motioned to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk