



TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

February 22nd, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89393228892>

Call to Order: Ann Santos called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 and Edward F. Dombroski, Jr.

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

Town Counsel Present: Thomas A. Mullen.

Public Engagement: Sue Herz of 82 Main Street addressed the Council regarding the placement of the non-binding public opinion of the Wakefield Logo on the April 27th, 2021 Town Election ballot.

COVID-19 Update: Town Administrator Maio stated the country hit a milestone today – 500,000 people across the country have died of COVID-19. Health Director Clay stated that 871 people were vaccinated at the second-shot clinic today. The final first-shot clinic will be this Friday as well as the second-shot that people were not able to receive today. After that there will be a final second-shot clinic for the people that received their first shots on Friday. She thanked Waterstone, the company that owns the building at Quannapowitt Parkway where the clinics have been.

Paul R. DiNocco joined the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Julie Smith-Galvin motioned to approve the February 08th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as proposed. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Third Round of Fiscal Year 2022 Budgets: Doug Butler, Chair of the Finance Committee Fire Department Subcommittee recommended favorable action on Budget #17 Fire Department. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget #17 Fire Department in the amount of \$6,057,188.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve Budget #22 Animal Inspector in the amount of \$40,600.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Julie Smith-Galvin seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Budget #24 Parking in the amount of \$12,950.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #26 Health Department in the amount of \$277,023.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Jonathan P. Chines motioned to approve Budget #39 General Insurance in the amount of \$460,425.00 as presented by Town



Accountant Gill and John Spinello of Hartshorne & Curley Insurance. Mehreen N. Butt seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve Budget #40 Medicare in the amount of \$832,650.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve Budget #43 in the amount of \$472,540.00 as presented by Town Accountant Gill and John Spinello of Hartshorne & Curley Insurance. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Surplus Equipment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the request of DPW Director Conway for authorization to auction proposed surplus equipment. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Licenses: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to approve the request for a One-Day Liquor License for Hartshorne House to sell beer for their second-annual virtual event on March 13th, 2021. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Paul R. DiNocco motioned to approve the Change of Manager application to Sarah Boyle for Oyes, Inc. d/b/a Feng's, 963 Main Street. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Gift Acceptance: Paul R. DiNocco motioned to accept and expend a gift or gifts to the Library in the amount of \$22.95 from various donors with thanks. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Town Election – April 27th, 2021: After discussion regarding the placement of a non-binding public opinion advisory question (“Do you support keeping the Wakefield Warrior Logo with Native American Imagery, as Wakefield Memorial High Schools Logo”) to be placed on the municipal election ballot of Tuesday, April 27th, 2021, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. so motioned the approval of the question. Paul R. DiNocco seconded. Motion passed 5-2-0 by a roll call vote with Ann Santos, Julie Smith-Galvin, Edward F. Dombroski, Jr., Paul R. DiNocco and Peter J. May voting in the affirmative. Jonathan P. Chines and Mehreen N. Butt voting against the motion.

Announcements: Paul DiNocco asked that the Butler Avenue property be placed on the March 08th, 2021 agenda for discussion regarding potential use of the property. Jonathan P. Chines stated the public forum for Wakefield Vision 2030 is March 04th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom; next Friday is the Wakefield Educational Foundation virtual trivia night; parents were emailed a Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Survey from the Wakefield Schools. Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. reminded the 4-legged residents in town this is the month to make sure the dog licenses are up-to-date; Envision meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Julie Smith-Galvin asked that Green Communities be added to the March 08th, 2021 agenda; Safe Streets Working Group is meeting tomorrow; WMGLD is hosting a seminar on Go Connect program on Thursday night; asked that the website include updated on the High School project. Mehreen N. Butt stated the Pickle Ball courts are set for Spring 2021 and would love to have a dash board for all the smaller projects. Town Administrator Maio mentioned that the budgets to date have been brought in at 2.58% over last year; mentioned the letter in the Item regarding Zachary Boyarges.

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

Adjournment: Edward F. Dombroski, Jr. motioned to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Jonathan P. Chines seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0 by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri A. Dalton
Town Council Clerk

APPROVED