

**SPECIAL meeting of the Town Council held Monday, January 29, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Kevin M. Blais, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilors Wallace F. Lees and Margaret L. Dudley were excused due to illness.**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager; Mark A. Adams, Treasurer; Richard A. Bernardo, Director of Public Works and Engineering Services; John P. Mainville, Finance Director; Joseph Raymond, Building / Zoning Official; Lt. Kevin SanAntonio; and Steven Welford, Superintendent of Schools.**

**Business to be considered and acted upon:**

**1. Relative to reviewing, discussing and updating the 2004/2005 Goals & Objectives and Public Policy of the Town of Burrillville.**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns asked for input relative to the current Goals and Objectives. Council President noted that the status of many items had been noted on the document before the Town Council and instructed the Town Clerk to revise the document**

**with additions, deletions and corrections.**

**The Town Council discussed:**

### **Recreation**

**1) The status of Spring Lake Beach**

- a) Disposition of the storage building**
- b) Walking trails/bike path connecting to the field**
- c) Winterizing the Champlin Building**

**2) Multi-town grant applications for connecting to the Blackstone Valley Corridor to the North/South trail for walking trails/bike paths**

**3) Possible use of town-owned land behind the Police Station**

- a) Playing Fields or**
- b) Potential relocation of the Department of Public Works**

**4) Possibility of moving salt barn**

**5) Opposition to changes in the recreation use immunity statute (§32-6)**

### **Capital Improvement Projects/Programs**

**1) Possibility and problems associated with including Cherry Farm Road to the Capital Improvement Program**

- a) Road improvements; or**
- b) Renaming the section of road to prevent problems in emergency response**

### **Planning/Zoning**

- 1) Possible revisions to the zoning ordinance**
- 2) Review and consider Conservation Design Zoning**
  - a) Rural areas**
  - b) Village centers**

### **Economic Development**

- 1) Consider whether economic development remains the primary objective**
- 2) Move mission statement to completed list**
- 3) Lowering the priority (or removal from list) of bringing natural gas to additional areas of Town of Burrillville**

### **Land Preservation/Acquisition**

- 1) Inventory town-owned property and develop a policy for their use**

### **Building Official and Zoning Board**

- 1) Consider removing “implementation of the Gravel Ordinance” from Goals & Objectives**

### **Police/Public Safety Programs**

- 1) Address police station (building) issues**
  - a) Storage/space issues**
  - b) Schedule Council tour of police station and other town buildings**

### **Town Council**

- 1) Changes made to benefits of Town Council members**

## **Emergency Management**

- 1) Consider additional resources to accomplish the mandates of State and Federal government**
- 2) Consider an ordinance to establish a public safety commission**

## **Central Administration**

- 1) Lower priority or removal of “look into options for a forensic audit of school spending” from the goals & objectives**
- 2) Discuss with legislators the status of the Pascoag MTBE cleanup project and planning to bring the drinking wells back on line**

## **Public Schools**

- 1) Working with the School Department to eliminate school’s unfunded liability.**
- 2) School Department CIP program is expected during the coming year.**

## **Waste Water Treatment/Sewer Commission**

- 1) Meet with the Sewer Commission**
- 2) The Sewer Commission CIP program is in the planning stages**

## **General Attitude – Standards**

- 1) The general policy was reviewed**
- 2) Have copies of minutes of all boards and commissions available**

## **Town Manager/Town Council**

## **1) Status of the Blackhawk Helicopter Project at Buck Hill**

### **Major Litigation**

- 1) Western Hills Auto – junkyard; to be removed from list**

**Note: The Department/Division Heads were excused from the remainder of the meeting. There was a recess from 8:15 to 8:25 P.M. The Town Council discussed items to be added to the Goals & Objectives.**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, reviewed and discussed his January 24, 2007 memorandum, a copy of which is on file with the record of the meeting. Mr. Wood suggested that his primary focus had been economic development/redevelopment and that the Town Council should advise him if that were to change. Items included in the memorandum that were further discussed included:**

### **1) Daniele Proscuitto**

- a) Potential expansion; issues related to Waste Water Treatment**
- b) Noise reduction**

### **2) Long term plan to acquire land proximate to Route 102**

### **3) Options for a Senior Center**

### **4) Improvements to the Shippee Bridge area**

**2. Relative to reviewing, discussing and updating the 2007 Legislative Agenda of the Burrillville Town Council.**

**Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, discussed the process of adopting resolutions and the necessary follow-up. Mr. Wood recommended that items that were no longer relevant should be removed from the list.**

**There was discussion of the following items.**

- 1) Zambarano Hospital: follow-up with Rep. Pacheco on the study commission**
- 2) Asking legislators for regular reports on their positions on bills; and the administrative tracking process**
- 3) The repeal of §45-13-13, the result thereof, and the need to track legislation to ensure that this type of law is not reintroduced**
- 4) Asking legislators to introduce a bill that would tie municipal tax accounts to a State process, thereby prohibiting delinquent taxpayers from acquiring State licenses or other benefits**
- 5) RIGL §32-6: Recreation Immunity**

**6) The town's role in legislation that affects fire districts**

- a) Pensions for volunteers**
- b) Mandatory implementation of NFPA-1500**

**7) Discuss with legislators proposed "Clean Elections Act"**

**Ordinances**

**1) Develop a proposed ordinance for tax credits for property owners in redevelopment districts**

**2) Consider park ordinance (part-time closings)**

**3) Consider animal waste ordinance**

**4) Discuss ATV ordinance**

**Other items**

**1) Discuss concerns related to outside wood furnaces**

**VOTED to adjourn at 9:33 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. Seconded by Councilor Cynthia L. Roe. The vote was unanimous by the five Councilors**

**present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Kevin M. Blais, John M. Karmozyn Jr., Norman C. Mainville and Cynthia L. Roe. Councilors Wallace F. Lees and Margaret L. Dudley were excused.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**