

COUNCIL MEETING #19-81
OCTOBER 20, 1981
7:30 P.M. Council Room

M I N U T E S
TOWN OF FREEPORT
MEETING OF THE FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL

- ☐ Regular
☐ Special

Chairman's Call to Order

Present Excused Absent

John Swan, Chairman, 48 Bow Street
Hollis Willett, ViceChairman, LwrFlyingPt
Leo Valliere, 10 Park Street
William Lunt, Webster Road
David Coffin, Bartol Island Road
Vaughndella Curtis, Pine Street
Edward Hindley, Wardtown Road

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Moved and Seconded - That the reading of the Minutes of Meeting
#18-81 held October 6, 1981 be waived and accept it as printed.
(Councilors Lunt & Coffin) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Moved and Seconded - That the Proposed Amendment to the Freeport Shellfish Gathering Ordinance be subject to public hearing.
(Councilors Willett & Hindley) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That the public hearing be closed.
(Councilors Lunt & Coffin) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That ITEM #104-81 be tabled until November 3, 1981. (Councilors Willett & Coffin) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That we waive the second reading of this item.
(Councilors Lunt & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #105-81

Be It Ordered - That the Proposed Appropriation Ordinance for \$30,000 to Provide Renovations to the Property at 16 Main Street be herein introduced and submitted to public hearing on November 3, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Be It Further Ordered - That 30 copies of the Proposed Ordinance be printed and distributed equally between the B.H. Bartol Library and the Town Clerk's Office for inspection by citizens during regular business hours.
(Councilors Coffin & Willett)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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ITEM #106-81

Be It Ordered - That the Town Manager
be authorized to sign and execute a
Contract for Construction for State
Aid Project No.C08-00(504) with Paul
Labrecque, Inc.
(Councilors Hindley & Willett)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - That we waive the second reading.
(Councilors Lunt & Willett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved and Seconded - To move the question.
(Councilors Lunt & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ITEM #107-81

Be It Ordered - That the Proposed
Appropriation Ordinance for \$6,800
to Purchase Advanced Life Support
Equipment be herein introduced and
submitted to public hearing on
November 3, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. in
the Council Room of the Municipal
Building.

Be It Further Ordered - That 30
copies of the Proposed Ordinance
be printed and distributed equally
between the B.H. Bartol Library
and the Town Clerk's Office for
inspection by citizens during
regular business hours.
(Councilors Valliere & Lunt)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Councilor Coffin wanted to know just how soon the task force would be getting their material.

Councilor Lunt had had several people ask him when the tax bills would be coming out. Mr. Benway replied "next week".

Councilor Curtis asked the status of the Cable TV operations. The Manager replied that the company had been negotiating with a land owner on the Pownal Road for possible business office plus they would receive as well as transmit from there. The company has canvassed approximately 60% of the Town.

Councilor Coffin was upset because of much debris not being cleaned up at the corner of Depot & Mill Streets thus blocking the view. Other councilors also mentioned Merrill & Desert Road and Spar Cove. Town Manager Benway stated that Mr. Thompson had been so informed and clean up will be forthcoming very soon.

Councilor Valliere attended the Board of Appeals meeting and they have requested that the Board be notified of all liquor licenses that the Council approves. The Board expressed a concern with a recent business establishment selling ice-cream then going to sandwiches then selling liquor and felt they can discourage future procedures. The Manager and several other Councilors emphasized that the Council has legal jurisdiction to allow liquor licenses; per State statutes authority is given to the Council and not the various Boards.

Councilor Valliere brought up the point that the Planning Board should perhaps set up minimal amount of parking area for businesses.

Town Manager Benway spoke briefly regarding the case Laverty vs Theriault; the case was denied by the Court on the technicality that one of the applicants had never proven a "hardship". The applicant is not going to appeal, thus neither is the Town.

Councilor Valliere suggested that the Council plus the 2 Boards should all meet during a workshop.

Town Manager Benway discussed a letter he had received from Mr. Lincoln from the firm of Wright-Pierce in reference to the Holden Block. Mr. Benway stated he is dissatisfied with the steps taken to secure the building and suggested a possible second opinion. Many Councilors felt that there were too many "ifs" and suggested that the Manager meet with Mr. Lincoln to pursue the matter further.

The Manager stated that Mr. Brown's Irrevocable Letter of Credit was not acceptable due to the fact of the expiration date and had so notified him, but also realized he had acted within the time frame.

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Vice Chairman Willett would like the Council to meet once a month rather than the twice a month schedule. Council Chairman assured him this matter would be discussed at the next workshop.

Moved and Seconded - That the Council adjourn at 8:46 P.M.
(Councilors Willett & Lunt) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

The foregoing was recorded by:

Mary D. Westcott
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Council Secretary

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