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TOWN OF SIMSBURY - BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:40 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Mary Glassman; Board members Nancy Haase, Moira Wertheimer, John Hampton, Lisa Heavner and Robert Hensley. Others in attendance included Town Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo, Tom Cooke, Director of Administrative Services, Mary Ann Harris, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Tom Roy, Director of Public Works and Board of Finance members Paul Henault, Nick Mason, Barbara Petitjean, Peter Askham, Kevin North and Anita Mielert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Glassman took a moment to thank the Board of Selectmen members for their help in dealing with storm related issues and informed everyone that Simsbury continues to be the largest town without power.

Town Attorney DeCrescenzo addressed the Board regarding the items on the agenda. He stressed the importance of the Town abiding by the Town Charter requirements and the FEMA rules. The resolutions noted in the agenda need to be put in place in order to complete the clean up from Storm Alfred. Mr. DeCrescenzo explained that the agenda items that the Board is being asked to approve are being requested in order to comply with these requirements

Agenda Item #1

Creation of Special Revenue Fund and §909 appropriation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Charter §909, hereby

recommends that the following appropriations be approved by the Board of Finance and that the Board of Finance authorize the creation of a special revenue fund as follows:

1. That the Director of Finance be authorized to create a special revenue fund for October 29, 2011 storm related expenses, which expenses are subject to funding in whole or in part by state and federal grants.
2. That the amount of \$872,000 be appropriated as a supplemental appropriation pursuant to Charter §909(a) for the purpose of covering the project and program costs and expenses resulting from the storm on October 29, 2011, which costs and expenses are expected to be funded wholly or in part by state and/or federal grants.
3. That the amount of \$500,000 be appropriated pursuant to Charter §909(c) as an amount supplemental to the annual budget for the purpose of financing expenses resulting from the storm on October 29, 2011.

Ms. Heavner made motion to approve the resolution as outlined. Mr. Hensley seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #2

§911 Emergency Appropriation

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Charter §911, hereby recommends that the following emergency appropriations be made by the Board of Finance:

1. That the amount of \$872,000 be appropriated to cover costs and expenses resulting from the storm on October 29, 2011 which was declared an emergency by the First Selectmen on Sunday, October 30, 2011 and which constitutes a public emergency threatening the lives, health and property of citizens.

Ms. Wertheimer made motion to approve the resolution as outlined. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #3

Waiver of bid provisions for debris clean-up contract and establishment of

24 hour bid timeframe

RESOLVED, that Pursuant to the emergency provisions set forth in §A161-12.A., the Board of Selectmen waives the bid provisions of §A161-5(B) requiring no less than ten (10) days notice and posting for receipt of bids for services in excess of \$25,000 and authorizes twenty-four (24) hours of notice and posting on the Town's website for bids to provide services for storm-related clean-up, for clean-up monitoring and for assistance with application for FEMA and/or other grants to defray the costs of storm-related clean-up and clean-up monitoring.

Mr. Hensley made motion to approve the resolution as outlined. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #4

Potential action on Special Town Meeting and Referendum

It was decided that at this time it will not be necessary to schedule a Special Town Meeting.

Agenda Item #5

Town of Simsbury action to request the Dept. of Public Utility to reopen Docket 97-04-21.

Selectman Wertheimer recused herself from this discussion because of her involvement with the Attorney General's office during this time.

Attorney DeCrescenzo also stated for the record that his firm, Updike, Kelly and Spellacy has handled matters for CL&P so if need be, he will recuse himself from involvement in this matter if it progresses.

Mrs. Glassman explained that in 1997 the Town filed a case with the DPUC regarding the frequent and extended periods of outages in the Town. The Town was very successful in having CL&P increase tree trimming to improve their lines and adding a substation. Town Counsel will take a new look at this case and determine if it should be reopened if it is felt that CL&P has failed to provide on going services to the Town.

Mr. Hensley made motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Glassman
First Selectman