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The Cicero Town Board held their Special Meeting on Monday August 15, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at the Cicero Town Hall, 8236 S. Main Street, Cicero, NY 13039.

Present: Judy A. Boyke, Supervisor
Jessica Zambrano, Councilor
C. Vernon Conway, Councilor
Lynn Jennings, Councilor
Tracy Cosilmon, Town Clerk

Others Present: Shirlie Stuart, Comptroller
Linda Losito, Secretary to Supervisor
Brenda Colella, Town Attorney

Absent: James Corl, Jr. Councilor

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of five soldiers from Fort Drum who died, and for all our men and women serving in the Armed Forces in harms way.

Ms. Boyke indicated where the fire exits were and read the following statement:

The Cicero Town Board acknowledges the importance of full public participation in all public hearings and, therefore, urges all who wish to address those in attendance to utilize the microphones located in the front of the room. At this time please turn of your cell phones and be sure to speak clearly into the microphones to enable all to hear.

S.E.Q.R.
(State Environmental Quality Review Act)

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Conway, that all actions taken tonight are Type Two (2) actions under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act unless otherwise determined.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway: Yes
Mr. Corl: Absent
Mr. Jennings: Yes
Ms. Zambrano: Yes
Ms. Boyke: Yes

EMERGENCY
COMPUTER SYSTEM FAILURE

Shirlie Stuart explained that the Town’s computer server and hard drive has failed today requiring an emergency purchase to replace this equipment immediately. A quote has been received from Computer Outlet in the amount of \$9,355.00 to replace this equipment and need approval for that PO, which will require two resolutions. First would be to take it out of IT, which we have in General Fund A.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Mr. Jennings , to authorize that \$9,355.00 be taken out of the IT line which is in General Fund A. to replace the server and hard drive for the Town of Cicero.

Discussion:

Ms. Zambrano asked if this equipment is new.

Ms. Boyke – Yes, absolutely. Part of the problem is that we’ve been operating on equipment that has been refurbished. Also, due to the systems aging, the overload, when it went into backup was too much for the hard drive, which has never been replaced. There are two servers and we’re replacing the one that holds all of our files. The other server is our e-mail server and that is functioning, but as soon as we get this one replaced, we’re going to have to replace that one as well. This is an emergency because we were shut down.

Ms. Zambrano – I support this, but, this points out to the fact that we have to keep moving forward on computer technology and get the systems in place, so that we don’t have to be facing this in the future. I’m sure everyone agrees with me.

Ms. Boyke – Sure, but, part of what we found, when we got all of our anti virus in, that we realized that it started running slower, they found a problem with our hard drive, which put an over load on the file system. This has been recommended, but, unfortunately, it has to be done as an emergency as opposed to maintenance.

Ms. Zambrano asked if we have a new room for the server.

Ms. Boyke – Yes, and we’re going to get quotes to put the new door on it and I’m hoping we can move it into that room. All of the overhead wiring hasn’t been moved yet.

Continuation of the vote:

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Absent
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Shirlie Stuart stated that we need approval to purchase the equipment and transfer the money from the IT account.

Motion was made by Ms. Boyke, seconded by Ms. Zambrano, to take the funds from the IT Reserve to support Computer Outlet’s proposal of \$9,355.00 to purchase a new server.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Absent
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Ms. Boyke:	Yes

Ms. Zambrano asked Shirlie to let them know what amount of money is left in that account.

Shirlie Stuart stated that she would.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT

Ms. Boyke explained that last Thursday, they received a letter from Stephanie Miner in regards to an appointment to the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority. I then, received a call from Governor Cuomo's Office in regards to that as well, looking for the name of the appointee. With this legislation being signed, the City of Syracuse needs to go forward and they are requesting biographies of the person that is appointed as there are FAA requirements, for the approval of the board. I believe with the recommendation of the Town Boards, that they are just doing that as a formality. The board's constituent's is set up of seven for the City of Syracuse. There is one for Onondaga County, one for the Town of DeWitt, one for ESM School District, and then the towns of Cicero, Salina, Clay and North Syracuse Village. There is only one school district and it is on a rotating basis. Cicero will be the first one to have an appointee to that position. We will have the longest which is about a year and a half. The rest will serve a year. After speaking with Dan McNally, there is training that's mandated by NYS and it is also a long protracted approval of everything, because of the FAA, that's involved. That is why there is such urgency in regards to having everyone's appointees. With that, we've received resumes from four people, who are interested in this particular appointed position and they were from Lynn Jennings, Gregory Card, Robert DiFlorio and Al Stirpe.

Mr. Jennings stated that he wished to withdraw his resume application for that appointment.

Ms. Boyke thanked Mr. Jennings and stated that we just received Al Stirpe's resume.

Mr. Jennings asked for a few moments to review Mr. Stirpe's resume and the others.

Ms. Boyke – Bob DiFlorio brings a vast background in being involved with the City of Syracuse School System and for many years, he was the Superintendent of Schools. My only concern would be his availability because of his traveling time.

Ms. Zambrano asked how often the meetings for this will be held.

Ms. Boyke stated she didn't have it with her right now, but, was told it would be very intense in September and October, because they would be setting up these committees, they'd be working with the FAA and the mandated training with NYS. There is a critical transfer of thirty million dollars and that is all a part of setting up this whole authority. There is a huge amount of money being transferred, that is involved. I was told it would be very intense for the first two or three months.

Mr. Jennings – The only thing I see on Bob's cover letter is that he would accept and fulfill the obligation and responsibility as a committee member for the Town of Cicero and he recognizes that it is an important position. His cover letter said he would be available and he does have an impressive resume.

Ms. Zambrano stated that she felt Bob would fulfill the responsibilities, but believed he has some trips out of the country planned after Labor Day and in the fall. The first year of a new board is intense and I have no doubt that his intent is good, I just am wondering about his availability.

Tracy Cosilmon – Did anyone ask if they would accept an alternate?

Ms. Boyke – That is what I was thinking. I was hoping that he would get in touch with us during this meeting. Jessica has tried to call him, but, has been unable to reach him. I've also tried, but, don't know if he is available today.

Mr. Jennings stated that he sent an e-mail out to Bob and everyone asking that question. As I said to Judy earlier, is there a backup individual in case someone was sick, etc., or would Salina have someone and be the next in line. Bob would have to work around this, if we were to select him and would be his thing to worry about and not ours.

Ms. Zambrano asked if this is a paid position.

Ms. Boyke – No, it is not.

Ms. Boyke – Let's move on to Mr. Card. Greg is a new member of the Planning Board and is a retired Syracuse Police. He has been involved with the Police, Sheriffs, and the villages in Onondaga County. He was responsible for the criminal history arrest and information system currently in law enforcement, but, was with the Airport Authority and the Homeland Security during the time when 9/11 came about. He has been a business person in the town and is retired. He is looking to serve the Town of Cicero in regards to this position. Part of what would be nice about the appointment, if it were Greg Card, is that he would know what's going on in Cicero, through the Planning Board, so he'd have some knowledge as to the expansion of the town.

Discussion:

Ms. Zambrano stated that she spoke personally with him, by telephone and he is very interested in serving in this capacity. He believes he would be an asset given his Police background and also as a small businessman and his innovation in creating many systems. He's worked extensively with charities and I believe he is an excellent candidate also. He has assured me that he does have the time.

Mr. Conway – I would like to nominate Robert DeFlorio.

Mr. Jennings stated that with Greg serving on the Planning Board, it may serve some good purpose, but, then again, the person, who accepts this appointment, should have a little input. Mr. Jennings stated that he felt that since Mr. Card serves on the Planning Board we shouldn't mix memberships from one board to another.

Linda Losito stated that as far as having an alternate that would be determined after they start. Right now, there really isn't an answer to that.

Ms. Boyke – It hasn't been formed yet. We also need to discuss Mr. Stirpe's background as well.

Ms. Zambrano stated that Al Stirpe is well known to us. He does have a lot of experience in small business and with information technology. He has served on a legislative body and he is very involved with other boards right now. He is also a very good candidate. I did speak to him as well and he is interested in it, but, he is also involved in a lot of organizations that I hate spreading him so thin.

Ms. Boyke – That was my thought as well. He is involved with many different responsibilities throughout all the towns.

Mr. Jennings – As Vern said, Bob is an excellent choice. To work around this, he'd have to make that decision. If we are looking at the possibility of a backup, we have two more very viable candidates, so that we could put the name out there, so if that happens, we've already acted on it. I would second Vern's nomination of Bob DiFlorio and as a backup Al Stirpe.

Ms. Boyke – Let's leave the backup or alternate until after we move on the appointment.

Motion was made by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Jennings to appoint Robert DiFlorio to the Airport Authority Committee.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Absent
Mr. Jennings:	Yes

Discussion:

Ms. Zambrano - Bob DiFlorio is a good candidate and a friend of mine, but at this point and time I'm going to say no because I haven't heard from him and I believe he has plans. Since we haven't heard from him and haven't been able to speak to him and this has come about very quickly, but, I don't feel comfortable.

Ms. Zambrano: No

Discussion:

Ms. Boyke stated that she also had reservations on that with Mr. DiFlorio, even though she is in agreement with Vern and Lynn and Jessica as well. If Mr. DiFlorio is traveling in September, which I know he is going to Russia, I don't know how long he is going to be. I was told by Mr. McNally that this was going to be very intense in forming this because of FAA's pressures. It bothers me that if we were to appoint Bob today and then we do reach him, and find he is not available, then what are we going to do?

Mr. Jennings – Move our backup in place. I'm reading this cover letter and all the e-mail traffic that I got seems that he is willing to accept it, whether he's planning on traveling or not. As I said, he'll have to work around that.

Continuation of the vote:

Ms. Boyke: Yes, but, we must contact him, because of his availability. By the close of business today, we need to make that call.

Motion was made by Mr. Jennings, seconded by **NO SECOND**, to appoint Al Stirpe as alternate to the Airport Authority and should Mr. DiFlorio state he can not or will not do the appointment, that Mr. Stirpe will be moved into the appointed position.

Discussion:

Ms. Zambrano stated that because of the haste with which all of this was convened, she was not sure that any of these candidates know about this intensive training, or what the expectations are when this thing gets started. I know that Al is very involved and I am the one who advanced his name. I think we owe it to these people to give them an idea of what is involved, so that they can consider whether they are going to have appropriate time. I don't have any problems with Al Stirpe being a representative. We are doing this quickly out of necessity and I don't know if it's fair.

Mr. Jennings, we need to have a name in place, so if we do that, it's not saying that we can't change this via another meeting or by telephone. I just think we need to have a name in place and that was the urgency for the meeting.

Ms. Zambrano – Well, there are emergencies and one of the things that we could do, is to have the Supervisor try and get in touch with all candidates and let them know and perhaps we could convene the first thing in the morning.

Ms. Boyke stated that we made the motion and Bob DiFlorio has been respectively appointed but, you are correct that the availability is so important. I guess I'd say that rather than go ahead with an alternate at this point, I will definitely find Mr. DiFlorio and let him know about the intense training and availability that's going to be put upon him. At that time, if he is not available, he would indicate that he hasn't accepted the appointment and then we would fill the position with one of the other candidates.

Mr. Jennings – **I will withdraw my motion for the alternate.**

Ms. Zambrano – I am not sure the authority will allow an alternate.

Ms. Boyke – I will make the attempt to reach Mr. DiFlorio and will let each one of you know his availability after he realizes what the commitment is for him.

Mr. Jennings stated that he received an e-mail from Joe Snell, and we've discussed the purchase of the Crown Victoria. I said at the last meeting that he found a used one down at Sun Chevrolet with 60,000 miles. The best thought was not to go there, because they're only good for 125,000 miles, so we wouldn't get a lot of use out of it. The problem is, the only color left in the Crown Victoria is white, verses the black. Joe has gone ahead with the purchase of the white Crown Victoria, which will be the Supervisor's car for the Police Department of Cicero.

Ms. Zambrano – Why does the Supervisor need a car?

Mr. Jennings – It's just the way it's going to be titled.

Ms. Zambrano – Who will drive it?

Mr. Jennings – The Supervisor.

Ms. Zambrano – Who's the Supervisor?

Mr. Jennings – Joe has his.

Ms. Boyke – It'll be one of the Sergeants.

Shirlie Stuart – It'll be a senior ranking officer.

Ms. Zambrano – Is the senior ranking officer in the office or on the road?

Inaudible response.

Ms. Zambrano – I object.

Mr. Jennings – Well, it's been purchased and it was approved at a previous meeting. He had an open purchase order.

Motion was made by Ms. Zambrano, seconded by Ms. Boyke to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved as follows:

Mr. Conway:	Yes
Mr. Corl:	Absent
Mr. Jennings:	Yes
Ms. Zambrano:	Yes
Ms. Boyke	Yes

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m..

Tracy M. Cosilmon
Town Clerk

Unapproved Minutes