

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
August 24, 2021
Special Meeting
Minutes
AMENDED*

Members Present: William H. Rose IV, First Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman.

Members Absent: None

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:02pm
2. **Discuss and possible action regarding the Request for Proposals for the Electronic Programmable sign:** B. Rose reported that only Diversified Sign submitted bid on 8/10/21 at 1:48pm. The price on the bid was \$61,440.00 for a 4x8 8mm high-resolution double-sided sign. They can also work a logo into the design. We will need to get a final design and size and submit for town permitting. J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to accept the bid from Diversified Sign for \$61,400.00. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** carries.
3. **Discuss and possible action regarding the sale of the William Ross Library building.** There was some activity from the newspaper article, B. Rose showed it three times. The only offer so far was from resident Eleanor DeVane for \$75,000. B. Rose doesn't want to sign a contract with a realtor getting locked into 6 months and he doesn't want to lose this offer of \$75,000. J. Pinto stated that the buyer will have to invest a lot of money for septic, well, driveway and interior work. B. Rose discussed what other potential buyers' feedback was - too small and basement ceiling too low. K. Fortier made a **MOTION** to accept the offer on 57 Chaplin Street, William Ross Library, for the amount of \$75,000.00 from Eleanor DeVane. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed. Discussion: B. Rose will have Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien draw up the contract.
4. **Discussion regarding the USDA grant for a new fire truck.** B. Rose reported that all the paperwork for the grant was turned in. We have been approved for a \$91,400 grant for the new fire truck. J. Pinto stated we should get the truck for under \$400,000 with the trade in. B. Rose stated we are just waiting for final cost of truck. These are reimbursable funds which means we will need to front the ~~*\$91,4000~~ \$91,400 then get a refund.
5. **Discuss and possible action regarding previous tax sales:** B. Rose reported that incorrect tax sales were done in 2007/2008 by the previous tax collector and he would like to go into executive session to discuss further. J. Pinto made a **MOTION** to go into executive session. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

K. Fortier, B. Rose, and J. Pinto entered into executive session at 5:23pm.
Executive session ended at 6:11pm.
Special meeting resumed at 6:11pm.

B. Rose stated that the tax sale done in 2008 was done improperly and the title did not clear. He made a **MOTION** to clear the title by hiring Attorney Adam Cohan with the assistance of Town Attorney Dennis O'Brien to do a summary foreclosure procedure on the property according to CGS 12-182 which is a court action that inexpensively gives title to the town without risk of a 3rd party bidder, as long as it is uncontested and then deed the property back to the owners which would clear title for them to be able to sell or do as they please with it. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant*