

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MACKINNON COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 – 7:00 PM

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A meeting of the Southbridge Council was held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, in the Robert Mackinnon Council Chambers.

Vice-Chairman Vecchia called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance- Vice-Chairman Vecchia led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call- Councilors present: **CLEMENCE, LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA.** Absent: **LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD, VANDAL.**

Town Manager Clark Announcement- Addressed the public, acknowledging comments in the paper concerning Special Town Council Meeting. Explains validity of Special Town Council Meeting. Indicated he sought opinions of both Kopelman and Paige (present Counsel) and Attorney Robert G. Caprera (newly appointed Counsel) which have both come to the consensus that the Special Town Council Meeting was valid and such a Special Council Meeting could be conducted.

1. **Discussion of Chief Charette's recommendation to fill (1) police officer position.** Police Chief Dan Charette recommends the hiring of an additional police officer, stating it will be good for the Police Department. Town Manager Clark reiterates that appointments are made by Town Manager subject to confirmation by Town Council. It is his recommendation to appoint the additional police officer. A motion was made by Councilor Nikolla and seconded by Councilor Clemence. Councilor Regis asks for clarification on what the vote would be on. Vice Chairman Vecchia rereads Agenda item no.1 and explains to fill position with Town Manager Clark's appointment. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE, LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA. Absent: LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD AND VANDAL. MOTION PASSES**

Vote to move agenda item number 4, Discuss John Szugda's recommendation to appoint 2 Call Fire Fighters; Brian Edward Bourassa and Robert Johnson, Jr. to agenda item number 2. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood, seconded by Councilor Clemence. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE,**

LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA. Absent: LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD AND VANDAL. MOTION PASSES

- 4. Discuss John Szugda's recommendation to appoint 2 Call Fire Fighters; Brian Edward Bourassa and Robert Johnson, Jr.** John Szugda discussed both appointees' achievements and background. Stated they did have the funds in their budget for these two Call Fire Fighters. He recommends these appointments. Town Manager Clark reiterates that appointments are made by Town Manager subject to confirmation by Town Council. Town Manager Clark agrees with John Szugda to appoint these two men as call Fire Fighters. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood and seconded by Councilor Regis. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE, LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA. Absent: LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD AND VANDAL. MOTION PASSES**

- 2. Discuss Amendment to Parking Restriction to restrict parking on bridges.** Town Manager Clark explains this agenda item was brought up to him at a Department Head Meeting; it then went to the Traffic Commission. The Protection of Persons and Property Subcommittee Meetings was not held so the issue was brought before the Town Council during the Special Town Council Meeting. Explains it is generally understood there is no parking on bridges. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood, and seconded by Councilor Nikolla. Councilor Nikolla asked who would be enforcing the parking violations and handing out tickets. Police Chief Charette explains Kathy Shields, the parking enforcement officer, is a backup to the police officers, so both will be enforcing parking violations. Councilor Clemence asked if there were any bridges that have not been identified, that would not be subject to the enforcement. Police Chief Charette answers no, that this is state regulation that just had not been out into place. Explains there is no good reason to ever park on a bridge. Ken Kalinowski explains this is a state regulation and causes problems with snow removal. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE, LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA. Absent: LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD AND VANDAL. MOTION PASSES**

- 3. Parking Regulation Revision permit #P-00051/Parking and Turning.** Town Manager Clark explains there is a no parking zone on the four way intersection between Dresser and Marcy. Town Manager Clark explains the change will come from the northerly side of Dresser Street beginning at the intersection of Marcy Street, changing the easterly footage from 80 feet to 75 feet. The westerly will remain the same of 80 feet. He explains this was a resident request. Ken Kalinowski reiterates the change. He explains the change, requested by the resident, would enhance the ability for the resident to maneuver his vehicle in and out of his driveway. A motion was made by Councilor Livengood, seconded by Councilor Clemence. Chief Dan Charette explains this was a citizen request. **VOTE BY ROLL CALL. Those in favor: CLEMENCE, LIVENGOOD, NIKOLLA, REGIS AND VECCHIA. Absent: LAZO, LOGAN, MCDONALD AND VANDAL. MOTION PASSES**

Adjournment- A motion was made by Councilor Regis and seconded by Councilor Livengood. **VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS. ALL IN FAVOR**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Tyrrell