Board of Selectmen Present:  James Tigges, Vice-Chairman and Acting Chairman; Robert Hogan, Michael Runyan; Nicholas Priest

Also Present:  Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

094  Appointment:  Police

Present was Police Chief Michael Kent to present Officer Christopher DiDonato.  He said he was pleased to recommend for promotion to Sergeant Christopher DiDonato.  Mr. DiDonato is currently a member of the Burlington Police Department's patrol division with a very wide range of experience, he is a positive leader with extensive training.  Town Administrator Paul Sagarino (TA Sagarino) said all the candidates were of high caliber and this was a difficult choice.  He agreed with the recommendation and promoted Patrol Officer Christopher DiDonato to the rank of Sergeant and recommended the Board of Selectmen waive the standard fifteen-day waiting period.

Motion:  Selectman Runyan moved to waive the standard fifteen-day waiting period for the promotion of Officer DiDonato to the rank of Sergeant.  Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved.  (5-0-0)

095  Approval:  117 South Bedford Street - Purchase & Sale

Jim Doherty, Housing Coordinator, was present.  This was going to be on the May 20 2019 Special Town Meeting but it was withdrawn as funds were appropriated last year for this property by Town Meeting that were placed in the Affordable Housing Fund.  It is expected to be acquired in July of 2019.  There is much work to be done at the property and assistance will be sought from corporations and community assistance groups to eliminate the need to seek additional funding.  The board thanked Jim for the work over the long time period.  A lottery for the sale of the property will take place and residents are urged to contact the Selectmen's office.  The BOS were asked to vote to accept the purchase and sale and to allow the Town Administrator to execute the document on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion:  Selectman Robert Hogan moved to accept as submitted the Purchase and Sale Agreement, made as of the 22nd of April, 2019, for 117 South Bedford Street as reviewed and approved by Burlington's Town Counsel. Seconded by Selectman Nicholas Priest and approved.  (4-0-0)

Motion:  Selectman Nicholas Priest moved to authorize Paul Sagarino, Town Administrator, to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement, made as of the 22nd of April 2019, for 117 South Bedford Street as reviewed and approved by Burlington's Town Counsel. Seconded by Selectman Robert Hogan and approved.  (4-0-0)
Executive Session

Motion: Vice Chairman Tigges moved to convene to executive session with 48 hours having been given in order to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation for outstanding union contracts (BMEA, DPW, A&P, Fire, Police Patrol, Police Command, Part-Time) as an open meeting could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body with the BOS adjourning from the executive session and reconvening in open session for the purpose of taking a vote on said issues, followed by adjournment from open session, as authorized by G.L. c. 30A, Sec 21(b)(4) with Selectman Mike Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Hogan voting aye and Nicholas Priest voting aye. (Approved 4-0-0)

Motion: To reconvene to regular session for the purpose of taking a vote on outstanding union contracts (BMEA, DPW, A&P, Fire, Police Patrol, Police Command, Part-Time) with executive session with 48 hours having been given in order to discuss strategy with Selectman Runyan voting aye, Selectman Tigges voting aye, Selectman Hogan voting aye and Nicholas Priest voting aye. (4-0-0)

096 Approval: Town Meeting Warrant Articles 6:25 p.m.
Union Contracts: Selectman Hogan explained that various Selectmen did not participate in certain discussions because of family members and would be abstaining from those votes.

• A&P
  Article 22: $92,463 - One-year contract with wage adjustment at 2.5%

  Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the one-year A&P Contract for a total of $92,463. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

• Part-Time
  Article 23: $4,120 - One-year plan with wage adjustments at 2.5% increase for part-time rates and 2% increase for seasonal help with the total to be transferred from the FY2020 Negotiated Settlement.

  Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the one-year plan for part time salary plan for a total of $4,120. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (4-0-0)

• Police Patrol
  Article 24: $95,901 - one-year contract for FY2020 with a 2.5% increase in all steps and an increase in the detail rate with the amount to be transferred from the FY2020 Negotiated Settlement Account.

  Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the one-year Police Patrol contract at 2.5% increase in all steps with a change in the detail rate for a total of $95,901. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (3-0-1 with Selectman Tigges abstaining)

• Police Command
  Article 25: Withdrawn.
• Fire
Article 26: $626,747 - three-year contract covering FY's 2018, 2019, 2020 at 2.5% for each of the three years and there has also been a stipend added for ambulance services (ALS) beginning FY2020. The amount for FY2020 is $296,095 and the prior year settlements are at $330,652 for a total of $626,747.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the three-year Fire Department Contract at a 2.5% increase per year with FY2020 at $296,095 and FY's2018 and 2019 at $330,652. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (3-0-1 with Selectman Runyan abstaining)

• DPW
Article 27: $77,891 - Three-year contract with wage adjustments - 2.5% first year, 2.5% second year, and 1.75% in the third and final year of contract with a new step to be added with the total to be transferred from the FY2020 Negotiated Settlement.

• BMEA
Article 28: Article 28 postponed to next meeting.

Motion: Selectman Hogan moved to approve the three-year DPW contract for a total of $77,891. Seconded by Selectman Priest and approved. (3-0-1 with Selectman Runyan abstaining)

Old/New Business
The board members commented on the high caliber of applicants who applied for the opening in the Police Department. T.A. Sagarino agreed and noted the improvements made by many of the candidates.

Town Meeting commences on May 13, 2019 and residents are encouraged to participate by watching the meetings.

Citizen’s Time
No one spoke.

ADJOURN

Motion: Selectman Priest moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Runyan and approved. (4-0-0)

Submitted by,

[Signature]
Betty McDonough, Recording Clerk