

DERBY BOARD OF ALDERMEN "Special" MEETING

DERBY CITY HALL – June 10, 2010

MINUTES

The Honorable Mayor Anthony Staffieri called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:31 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Present: Barbara DeGennaro, Stephen Iacuone, Beverly Moran, James Benanto, Jr., Joseph DiMartino, Joseph Bomba, Scott Boulton and Ken Hughes.

Absent: David Lenart.

Public Portion: No one from the public there to speak.

Item #5: Gilbert Street Project, Direct the Mayors Office to pursue the purchase or easements.

Alderwomen Barbara DeGennaro recused herself from any discussion and/or action regarding this item due to the fact that she represents Mr. Stephen Iacuone a resident of 40-42 Gilbert Street. Alderman Stephen Iacuone recused himself from any discussion and/or action with regards to Gilbert Street because he owns one of the homes in question on Gilbert Street.

Atty. Coppola began with stating to the aldermen that they have before them a discussion on whether or not to take action with regards to securing the easements on the Iacuone property at 40-42 Gilbert Street, Monaco Circle and a piece of property known as the Mary Iacuone Property or purchasing the parcel which is 40-42 Gilbert Street. Atty. Coppola further stated that there is money left in the Road Bond Fund to purchase the parcel, obtain the easements and to the proper construction to alleviate the drainage problem however, there would not be enough money left to demolish 40-42 Gilbert Street.

Bev Moran asked if the Road Bond money could be used for this as indicated and was reassured by Atty. Coppola that yes it can. However, if the piping does not go through property at 40-42 Gilbert Street Road Bond money can not be used.

Atty. Coppola further stated that the garage behind 40-42 Gilbert Street would be torn down and would forever be unable to have anything built there and would remain as open grass area. The question asked by members of the board was what would be done with the house and would it be livable. Atty. Coppola stated that this is what this board must decide. (1) To have the Mayors Office just enter into agreements with regards to the easements or (2) have the Mayors

Office to enter into agreements with the easements and the purchase of 40-423 Gilbert Street.

Conversations amongst the Board members with regards to once again the city owning a parcel of property and being responsible for the demolition costs. Mayor Staffieri stated that the city would be left to sell or demo the house.

The figures presented by Atty. Coppolla were \$277,000.00 for the easements or \$355,000.00 complete with the purchase. Bev Moran asked if there was any money left in the Demolition Fund. Mayor Staffieri replied no.

- **Motion to have the Mayors Office pursue the easements with the easements of the properties and home owners as discussed.**

Motion by Ken Hughes. **Second** by Joseph Bomba. All in Favor. **Abstained** Barbara DeGennaro and Stephen Iacuone. **Motion Passes.**

Barbara DeGennaro and Stephen Iacuone have rejoined the members of the Board of Aldermen.

Item #6: Authorize the Mayors Office to enter into agreement for "The Greatest Movie Ever Made" to be filmed in Derby using Derby High School, Ryan Field and possibly the Greenway. *Copy of the letter from Worldwide Pants, Inc was read into the record by Ken Hughes:

Dear Board of Aldermen:

This June, principal photography will begin in Derby on The Greatest Movie Ever Made, an independent film produced by Worldwide Pants, Inc.. The film is a comedy following the lives of 5 high school seniors from Buckstown NY. Our writer and Directors, Jon Beckeman and Rob Burnett's credits include: The David Letterman Show, The Knights of Prosperity and ED for television and this is their first foray into film.

We have scouted many schools and ball fields in The Valley and we have fallen in love with Derby High School and the Leo F. Ryan Sports complex. We would like to secure your permission to film as Leo Ryan for two days and Derby High School for two days during our twenty day schedule. Tentatively we would like to film at Leo Ryan on June 14 and 15, 2010. As for the high school, we would like to film June 28 and 29, 2010. We have been working in cooperation with Dr. Tracey, Principal Thompson and Dennis O'Connell to secure their approval. We are also incorporating some of the wonderful students of DHS into our filming. Not only will it be fun, but a great learning experience for them.

This is a small, independent film and our crew will only be around 40 people. We will wear badges at all times while we are on your property. Our filming days run approximately 12 hours. We only plan on using one cube truck for our equipment and we will self drive to each of our sets. While we will be filming at

Derby High School, the name of the high school in our film will be Buckstown High School.

We are a fully insured show and would love to make a donation to the town for use of these properties. I am working closely with Sheila O'Malley at Derby City Hall to secure as many locations as we possibly can in Derby. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me on my cell (XXX)XXX-XXXX or by e-mail XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.XXX. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

**Lauren Minichino
Location Manager**

Ken Hughes stated that he found out about this project by accident. Once he was made aware that the filming company had already approached the Board of Education for approval he notified the parties involved that this would need the approval of the Board of Aldermen before they proceeded any further.

Joe Bomba asked if this would interfere with the school schedule. Mayor stated that there would be no filming at the high school until school was out for the summer and the filming at Ryan Field would also not interfere with the school scheduling.

Barbara DeGennaro asked if the sprinkler system would be affected at Ryan Field. Joe DiMartino stated that no, the timers could be adjusted so as not to conflict with the filming. Another concern was the field as noted by Joe DiMartino is in excellent shape what would the equipment and people on the field do to the field? The Mayor was assured that if anything were to happen the field would be repaired better than the condition it was found in.

- **Motion to authorize the Mayors Office to enter into an agreement for "The Greatest Movie Ever Made" with Worldwide Pants, Inc..**

Motion by Ken Hughes. **Second** by Scott Boulton. **All in Favor.** **Motion Passes.**

Item #7: Derby/Shelton Fireworks – July 2, 2010 – Discussion/Action

Mayor Staffieri read the following into the record:

We have, in the past, selected the company who is the low bidder to the City of Shelton solicitation of bids. This year the low bidder was July4ever. For a set price they offered to shoot a substantially larger number of shells than the other bidder.

We have 4 proposed contracts from July4ever. Until they inspect the site, we do not know if they can use 6 inch shells. To protect us on the cost side I have asked for two contracts, one with a price of \$11,000 and another at \$11,500.

We expect the site evaluation within a couple of days.

Phil Hawks has researched the company and its performance and has not run into anything which would cause us to consider another bidder.

Ken Hughes asked if we would need a bid waiver. The Mayor stated that since we are not using City of Derby funds no.

Mayor Staffieri stated that to date there has been a total of \$9,116.54 collected towards the fireworks. The Mayor also gave high praise to the Derby volunteer firefighters for all the time and efforts they have put forth to raise over \$3,286.00 to date. A big thanks also went out to the Joseph Rodrigues Family owners of the two McDonalds located in Derby one on Division Str. and the other on New Haven Ave. \$2,000.00. The William Guerrera an Insurance Broker with USI \$750.00, the Archer Family \$1,000.00, PAM and Dom Perno, Worker Compensation Administrator for the city of Derby, an anonymous contribution of \$1,000.00 and the jar collection of \$80.54. For a total of \$9,116.54

- **Motion to allow the donations collected to be applied to the cost of the July 2, 2010 Derby/Shelton Fireworks display and to allow the Mayors Office with the recommendation from Phil Hawks, Fire Marshall to sign the contract with July4ever.**

Motion by Ken Hughes. **Second** by Joe Bomba. **All in Favor.** **Motion Passes.**

- **Motion to Adjourn at 7:56 PM.**

Motion by Bev Moran. **Second** by Joe DiMartino. **All in Favor.** **Motion Passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura A. Wabno
Recording Secretary

***These minutes are subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen at their next scheduled meeting.**