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Personnel Action Committee

Minutes for 04/22/2019 meeting

Starting time – 6:30PM at City Hall

Committee Members – William Onyski (present), Brent Bean (present) and Cindy Harris, Chair (present)

The Law Department has requested that we ask if anyone is audio or video taping, or livestreaming this meeting. Westfield Evening News (Peter) was, to write article on Fire Commission.

Agenda Item #1:

Submitting the appointment of Jeffrey Siegel, 56 Wilson Avenue, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2022, replacing Patrick Olearcek, resigned.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Attorney Siegel is the Vice President – Legal Affairs for United Bank. He is the Attorney for this \$6 Billion Bank with branches in MA, CT and RI and offices in all of New England and the Mid-Atlantic. He has over 30 years' experience in Security, Compliance and Legal Matters. In addition he is or has been an adjunct faculty and lecturer for Clark University, Westfield State University, AIC, University of Phoenix, University of Hartford, Yale and others. He is admitted to the MA and CT Bar and admitted to practice before the US Tax Court and US Supreme Court. He has authored many law articles.

He is the co-founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Northampton Jazz Festival, on the Board of Directors for the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz (where he was also president) and was on the Editorial Board for years of the Western Mass Law Tribune. He states he wants to be involved in community service.

Agenda Item #2:

Submitting the appointment of John Niedzielski, 28 Heritage Lane, as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2021, replacing Matt Barnes, resigned to become City Treasurer/Collector.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Niedzielski has approximately 30 years of Environmental project related experience including work plan development and implementation of site investigations, Brownfields project management, selecting appropriate remedial technologies, pilot testing technologies, remedial action projects, negotiating with regulatory, agency representatives, waste management, technical support and evaluation.

He has an M.S. in Environmental Technology and a B.S. in Biology/Biotechnology from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

He is a licensed Site Professional, Drinking Water Supply Operator and Solid Waste Third Party

Inspector. He has specialized training in OSHA Regulations and is a member of MA Rural Water Assoc., MA Licensed Site Professionals Organization and Environmental Professionals Organization.

He is employed by ACT, as a Senior Project manager and has had extensive experiences in Drinking Water Operations, Knowledge of Collection of water samples, system maintenance to maintain water quality, meter readings, reviewing of system components, backflow device testing as required by DEP and involved in a meter installation project.

Lastly he has authored many articles on bacteria in regards to water, heavy metal removal from wastewater, and other technical articles specific to this field.

Agenda Item #3:

Submitting the reappointment of William Gonet, 29 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Airport Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February 2021.

Voted 3-0 to recommend that appointment.

Discussion:

Mr. Gonet is the Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Barnes Aerospace. He has over 30 years in the aircraft industry in various capacities from technical support to negotiating major agreements with General Electric, Rolls Royce and International Airlines. He has extensive knowledge and passion for the Aerospace Industry. Barnes Group, Inc. has 11 facilities in the U.S. and Singapore. At his time of appointment (April 2016), Bob Paul, then Councilor, highly recommended Mr. Gonet. Lastly, Mr. Gonet is on the Board of Directors for New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT since 2006.

Onyski said he was top notch and a great reappointment.

The minutes for 4/22/2019 were approved 4/22/19 on a 3-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned 6:40PM.

Submitted by Cindy Harris, Chair

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