

Town of Swampscott Select Board Executive Session Minutes April 22, 2022, 9:15 a.m. Virtually

## SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: NEAL DUFFY (ACTING CHAIR), DONALD HAUSE & PETER SPELLIOS

## MEMBERS ABSENT: DAVID GRISHMAN, POLLY TITCOMB

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** SEAN FITZGERALD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; AMY SARRO, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION; ATTORNEY DARREN KLEIN, KP LAW, PC

EXECUTIVE SESSION - G.L. C.30A, §21(A)(3) TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING POSITION OF THE TOWN AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES – DPW UNION, CLERICAL UNION, LIBRARY UNION, FIRE UNION, POLICE UNION

EXECUTIVE SESSION - G.L. C.30A, §21(A)(3) TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO NON-UNION EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING POSITION OF THE TOWN AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES.

UPON **MOTION,** DULY MADE BY DONALD HAUSE, SECONDED BY PETER SPELLIOS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED**: TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC EXECUTIVE SESSION: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

## **1. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:**

- a. Amy Sarro, Director of Finance & Administration, showed a brief presentation outlining all of the Collective Bargaining Agreements as well as Non- Union Contracts reached to date:
  - i. DPW AFSCME Council 93, Local 2610 16 full-time members: 3 year COLA increases of 3%/2%/2.5% for a cost of \$97,630; Increased stipends for D-2 License and added stipends for D-1 and Class-A Licenses for a cost of \$3,745/year; \$2,500 one-time bonus/member upon ratification for a cost of \$40,000; Management rights & major enhancements of installation of automated time clocks and GPS devices in All town vehicles.

THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE MAX. NUMBER OF LICENSES THAT ARE NEEDED — ONLY EMPLOYEES WHO WORK IN WATER & SEWER (9 TOTAL) ARE ELIGIBLE.

Admin AFSCME Council 93, Local 2610 – 6 members (5 full-time, 1 part-time): 3-year COLA increases of 2%/2%/2% for a cost of \$18,000; Added Notary Public Stipend of \$400/member for a cost of \$800/year; Improved Wage Table for annual steps & improved Longevity Table; \$1,500 bonus upon ratification and \$1,000 bonus on 7/1/22 for a cost of \$15,000; Management rights & major enhancements: elimination of sick incentives, \$12,000 savings; elimination of Personal Day incentives, \$7,500 savings; Elimination of automatic 7.5 hour holidays, \$3,000 savings; Elimination of 4<sup>th</sup> Personal Day, \$3,000 savings.

RETRO FOR THIS UNION WAS ALLOCATED IN FY22; THERE ARE \$10,000 IN RESERVES FOR FY22 & FY23. THE HIGHER WAGE STEP TABLE GIVES THE TOWN THE ABILITY TO HIRE NICHE POSITIONS AT HIGHER STARTING SALARIES.

iii. LIBRARY SEIU LOCAL 888 – 16 MEMBERS (4 FULL-TIME, 12 PART-TIME): 3 YEAR COLA INCREASES OF 2%/2%/2% FOR A COST OF \$47,000; ADDED NOTARY PUBLIC STIPEND OF \$400/MEMBER FOR A COST OF \$800/YEAR; IMPROVED WAGE TABLE FOR ANNUAL STEPS, ADDED 2 ADDITIONAL STEPS & IMPROVED LONGEVITY TABLE; \$750 ONE-TIME BONUS UPON RATIFICATION AND \$750 BONUS ON 7/1/22 FOR A COST OF \$24,000; MANAGEMENT RIGHTS & MAJOR ENHANCEMENTS: ELIMINATION OF SICK INCENTIVES, \$16,000 SAVINGS; ELIMINATION OF 4<sup>TH</sup> PERSONAL DAY, \$8,000 SAVINGS; ALL MEMBERS FOLLOW SAME VACATION & LONGEVITY SCHEDULE. This was ratified in December therefore there will be no retro paid out.

iv. Police Local 417 – 33 full-time members (3 current vacancies): 3-year COLA increases of 2.75%/2.5% for a cost of \$252,575; Added annual stipend for Body Cameras of \$1,000/member for a cost of \$33,000/year; One-time bonus for non-union positions of \$500/member for a cost of \$16,500; Pandemic Response Bonus of \$1,500/member for a cost of \$49,500; Improved stipend pay to a minimum of \$1,200 for a cost of \$5,300; Increased "baby Quinn" for a cost of \$5,700 (Associates increased from \$2,750 to \$2,900; Bachelors \$5,750 to \$5,950; Masters \$6,750 to \$7,00, Management rights & major enhancements: Implement Performance Evaluation System; Create a non-union Deputy Chief position.

This has to be agreed upon by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Cameras will be operational **60-90** days and every officer will wear one.

MANDATORY OVERTIME HAS BEEN REMOVED.

## 2. Non-Union:

- TREASURER/COLLECTOR PATRICK LUDDY, 5.17.21 7.30.24: SALARY COMPENSATION \$70,000 YEAR ONE; \$82,000 YEAR TWO, \$90,000 YEAR 3; ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BONUS UP TO \$2,500; EDUCATION BONUS OF \$2,500 EACH FOR CMMT, CMMC, MCPPO OR CPA;
- ii. Asst. Town Administrator/Director of Public Works Gino Cresta, 7.1.22 7.30.25 (successor contract): Salary Compensation \$132,651 year one; \$135,967 year two, \$139,366 year 3; Snow & Ice Response stipend of \$5,000; Retention bonus of \$5,000;
- iii. Fire Chief Graham Archer, 7.1.22 7.30.25 (first contract): Salary Compensation \$133,352 year one; \$137,353 year two, \$141,473 year 3; Uniform allowance \$600; Emergency Management stipend of \$2,000; Town provided vehicle;
- iv. **Director of Community & Economic Development Marzie Galazka**, **7.1.22 7.30.25 (successor contract):** Salary Compensation \$109,242 year one; \$112,519 year two, \$115,895 year 3; Retention bonus of \$5,000;

Assistant Engineer Ala "Aleena" Alsaraby, 3.14.22 – 7.30.25 (first contract): Salary Compensation \$77,500 year one; \$80,000 year two, \$85,500 year 3; Annual Performance Bonus up to \$2,500; Retention bonus of \$5,000.

- 3. MISCELLANEOUS:
  - b. **FREE CASH/ARPA FUNDS:** THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION REGARDING FREE CASH AND USING **ARPA** FUNDS FOR THESE CONTRACTS AND FOR OTHER NON-UNION EMPLOYEES.

UPON **MOTION,** DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DONALD HAUSE, TO RATIFY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FOR DPW, ADMINISTRATIVE, LIBRARY AND POLICE AS PRESENTED: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

UPON **MOTION,** DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DONALD HAUSE TO AUTHORIZE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FITZGERALD TO RATIFY NON-UNION CONTRACTS FOR TREASURER/COLLECTOR, ASST. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, FIRE CHIEF, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANT ENGINEER AS PRESENTED: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES. UPON **MOTION,** DULY MADE BY DONALD HAUSE, SECONDED BY PETER SPELLIOS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED**: TO ADJOURN AT 10:30 A.M.: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

TRUE ATTEST,

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DIANNE MARCHESE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR & SELECT BOARD