

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MARCH 10, 2010

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room 1, at the North Haven Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Stephen A. Fontana

Others Present

Attorney Carl M. Porto

Mr. Freda thanked the public for attending and introduced himself, and Tim Doheny - Second Selectmen, and Stephen Fontana - Third Selectman.

Mr. Freda asked if there were public comments relative to the agenda. Hearing none and seeing none, Mr. Freda continued the meeting with the introduction of Attorney Carl Porto, and identified him as an attorney who has been working on this particular matter.

Attorney Porto stated that he had received a letter today from Attorney Keefe, and knows that the agenda item is a discussion of the Ierardi clients. Given Mr. Keefe's letter, Attorney Porto recommended that the Board go into Executive Session regarding a pending claim, as permitted by the Freedom of Information Act.

Mr. Freda made a motion to go into Executive Session, to be briefed by Attorney Porto at 7:04 pm.

Vote: Freda – yes, Doheny – yes, Fontana – yes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

Mr. Freda thanked the public for waiting and stated that during the session they had listened to a lot of information provided by Attorney Carol Porto. In light of

the information presented, and in light of the discussion that the Selectmen had with Mr. Porto which included instructions from the Selectmen on how they would like Mr. Porto to proceed, the decision was made that there was no conclusion drawn this evening.

Mr. Freda thanked Mr. Porto for his time and information.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments.

Ann DeMatteo, New Haven Register, asked if Mr. Freda what prompted the meeting, and inquired about the letter written by Attorney Keefe. Ann asked for a copy of the letter. Mr. Freda agreed. Ann then asked if the Ierardi's have gotten their pension yet. Mr. Freda responded they have been collecting their pensions for approximately two years.

Mr. Freda stated that he was limited in what he could say since the matter is still pending and in discussion.

Mr. Gerald Feinberg, 34 Brockett Farm Road, stated that he had a few questions. He noted that Mr. Doheny and Mr. Freda were both on the Board of Finance with him when the forensic audit that was commissioned. His recollection was that the cost for the audit was in the neighborhood of \$60,000 and wondered what the final cost was.

Mr. Doheny, replied that he asked Ed some time ago and couldn't be sure but recalled it was more like \$30,000. Mr. Doheny thinks they may have approved the \$60,000 but doesn't think that is what was eventually paid.

Mr. Feinberg mentioned that a claim was put in to The Hartford, and has some memory of Mr. Kopetz being authorized to execute the claim. He asked if they know the amount and the status. Mr. Freda stated that the claim is still pending; the insurance company has not rendered a decision yet.

Mr. Feinberg asked if Mr. Freda recalled the amount of the claim. Mr. Freda responded he believes somewhere between \$50,000 and \$70,000.

Ann Dematteo asked if Mr. Freda had a sense of when he would be making the decision. Mr. Freda stated that he believed it would be decided quickly.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any additional questions, hearing none and seeing none the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.