

At a Special meeting of the Town Council holden in and for the Town of Gloucester on October 26, 2021:

I. Call to Order

The meeting was Called to Order at 6:34 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members present: Julian (Jay ) Forge, President; William E. Reichert, Vice-President; Walter M.O. Steere, III; Stephen Arnold; and William Worthy , Jr.

Also Present: David Igliazzi, Town Solicitor; Jean Fecteau, Town Clerk; Christine Mathieu, Deputy Town Clerk; Adam Muccino, Finance Director; and Robert Shields, Recreation Director

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Ponaganset Basketball Association

1. Discussion relative to necessary insurance coverage - Discussion and/or Action

Discussion: A. Muccino, Finance Director, stated that, at the Council's directive, he sought and received three insurance quotes.. A. Muccino stated that Gallo & Thomas Insurance has offered to sponsor the Ponaganset Basketball Association (PBA) for this season and issued a certificate of insurance. A. Muccino stated that the offer includes one million of general liability coverage, \$10,000 coverage for board and director's, and a rider for sexual abuse coverage. A. Muccino stated that he spoke to the Regional School Superintendent, Michael Barnes, and determined the Region requires general liability coverage in the amount of 3 million dollars. A. Muccino stated that there was most likely not much flexibility in terms of the general liability coverage being reduced by the school to one million. A. Muccino stated that Gallo & Thomas Insurance quoted an additional amount of \$500 to \$600 to increase the general liability coverage to the required 3 million. A. Muccino stated that he spoke with the Foster Finance Director and they have offered to contribute 30% of the cost of the insurance as long as the PBA remains a separate entity. A. Muccino stated that the named insured in the certificate of insurance is Ponaganset Youth Basketball. Councilor Steere asked if both leagues are covered and A. Muccino stated that both the girls and boys leagues are covered in this proposal. Councilor Steere asked if the PBA was accepting of this news and proposal. S. DiGiacomo, Ponaganset Boys Basketball Association, stated that the PBA was satisfied with that proposal. Councilor Steere asked if the town is contributing money to pay for the insurance if it would make it a town entity. D. Igliazzi, Town Solicitor, stated that the Council can contribute money to any group and it does not make it a town entity. D. Igliazzi stated that the Council should authorize a sum of money for A. Muccino to be able to do what needs to get the PBA in the gym. D. Igliazzi clarified that it could be \$500 to \$600 or more. A. Muccino stated that the next closest offer was \$4564 but did not include board of director's insurance. A. Muccino stated that he confirmed with the Trust that the cost to the town would increase if operational costs increased. Councilor Steere suggested the Council authorize up to \$4600 in case anything were to fall through with the proposed insurance. Councilor Forge asked the PBA Directors what they would do for next year as this is not a precedent for the Council. S. DiGiacomo stated that the PBA will use the year

to figure out a plan for next year. Councilor Forgue thanked A. Muccino for his diligence and suggested that the Council and the PBA send their thanks to Gallo & Thomas Insurance.

2. Action (as determined necessary) by the Town of Gloucester- Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that if we are purchasing a policy for a certain amount of liability and a set time, we need to include those details in the motion.

MOTION was made by Councilor Worthy to AUTHORIZE A. Muccino to make a one time payment to Gallo Insurance of an amount not to exceed \$1500 for liability insurance for a one year period for the Ponaganset Basketball Association; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

3. Appropriation of Funds (as determined necessary) - Discussion and/or Action

Councilor Forgue stated that if we are purchasing an insurance policy we have to state where we are appropriating the funds from.

MOTION was made by Councilor Steere to AUTHORIZE the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$1500 from the Town Council Contingency Account for Gallo Insurance to cover the Ponaganset Basketball Association insurance needs for a period of one year ; seconded by Councilor Reichert

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

V. Adjourn

MOTION was made by Councilor Arnold to ADJOURN at 6:51 P.M. seconded by Councilor Worthy

Discussion: None

VOTE: AYES- Arnold, Worthy, Steere, Reichert and Forgue  
NAYS-0

MOTION PASSED

