

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Moderator John Wozniak, who declared a quorum.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Christopher Brown, Esq., Petrini & Associates, P.C., Amanda Zuretti, Esq., Petrini & Associates, P.C., Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor, Lisa Cheever, Library Director, Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police, Colleen Strapponi, Inspectional Services, Gino Carlucci, Planning/Zoning, John McTernan, Onyx Corporation, Howard Bailey, Onyx Corporation, Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent/Director Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, Jason Defalco, Superintendent of Schools, Millville Representatives of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9.55 to pay prior year Assessor's Office bill to Amazon.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,357.66 to pay prior year bill to ENE Systems, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$615.00 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bill to Traffic Safety Warehouse.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$64.43 to pay prior year Town Clerk's bills to Staples.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$112.68 to pay prior year Fire Department bills to Comcast.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$398.50 to pay prior year Department of Public Work's bills to Microbac.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,547.85 to pay prior year Police Department bills to MHQ.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,032.07 to pay prior year bills to Advance Auto Parts.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to amend the funding appropriations made under Article 3 of the May 25, 2021, Annual Town Meeting by rescinding the vote of the Town authorizing the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the sum of \$260,021.00 and by authorizing the sum of \$260,021.00 to be raised from FY22 Estimated Receipts.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town amend Section 5-15 of the General Bylaws, Manner of Voting by adding after the words "determined by" in the first sentence, the phrase "electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by" and by adding after the words "the vote by" in the second sentence, the words "electronic voting", and by deleting the final sentence reading "All capital appropriations of \$150,000 or more shall be voted on by a written ballot" . Such that the bylaw as amended, shall read as follows:

§ 5-15

Manner of voting.

[Amended by 2-13-1989 STM, Art. IV]

When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by electronic voting, or, as the Moderator may deem necessary, by the voices of the voters, and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If the Moderator is unable to decide the vote by electronic voting, sound by the volume of the voices, or if his decision is immediately questioned by seven or more voters rising in their places for that purpose, the Moderator shall determine the vote either by ordering a show of hands or by a standing vote and he shall appoint tellers to make and return the count, or the meeting itself may specifically order, by proper motion in due order, that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a "yes" and "no" written ballot which shall be prepared by the Clerk in printed or mimeographed form in two divisible sections, one section with the word "yes" and the other with the word "no." The section showing the desired vote shall be detached by the voter and handed to the teller, and the unused section shall be retained by the voter.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$450,000 to complete drainage work on Bellingham Road.

71 YES 3 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 12 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to pay costs for design and engineering for accessibility on Canal Street.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept Glenside Drive, Willow Brook Lane and Meadow Lane as public ways.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Brian Scanlan read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion regarding Article 14.

Mr. Jeff Silverstein, 134R Summer Street, Finance Committee Member, inquired about the total cost of the contract is for this fiscal year.

Mrs. Dori Vecchio, Town Administrator, explained that the Article is just for the agreement, not the funding, and then further explained that the funding was already approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Robert Dubois, 56 Edgewater Drive, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, stated that the money was already appropriated in this line item at the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 14 Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Blackstone and the Blackstone Local 4139 of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and adopt any necessary changes to the Compensation Schedules.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 6:28 p.m. There were 82 voters who attended the meeting.



Tara C. Sullivan

Town Clerk of Blackstone