

BOARD OF FINANCE
February 12, 2009
MINUTES

Present: Kathy McGannon, Tom Tesoro, William Crooks, Mark Smith, Ken Martin, alternates Steve Lupien and Joanna Bruner.

Also present: Ray Baldwin, F/S; Lynn Heim, D/F; Dan Schopick, Town Attorney

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Kathy McGannon.

Joanna Bruner will be voting in place of Marty Shapiro.

Minutes of December 11, 2008...Motion to remove minutes from the table made by Tom Tesoro; seconded by Ken Martin.

Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Tom Tesoro; seconded Ken Martin.

Motion carries 6 – 0

Minutes of January 8, 2009...Tom Tesoro moved to approve minutes of January 8, 2009; seconded by Mark Smith.

Bill Crooks amended page 2 as follows: Paragraph 3..."Motion to approve fails 0 – 6".

Vote on amendment carries 6 – 0

Vote on minutes as amended carries 6 – 0

2-09-01...EMS...Appropriate from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$50,450 to 01022600-501102 Salaries-PT, \$50,000 and 01022600-501105 Overtime the sum of \$450 to cover paid staff salaries (\$50,000); and to cover shortage incurred when account was reduced (\$450).

It was moved by Tom Tesoro; seconded by Joanna Bruner.

Barbara Crandall and Vi Watson were present for discussion. This request is to cover paid staff who work with the volunteers until June 30, 2009. The request also covers a shortage that incurred when the account was reduced based on prior usage. The account was inactive during 2007 when the office manager retired and the position was left vacant for several months.

Motion carries 6 – 0

2-09-02...Resolution appropriating \$850,000 for the planning, acquisition and construction of sanitary sewers, Phase IV, Part B, Contract IV, and authorizing the issue of \$850,000 bonds or notes of the town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

It was moved by Tom Tesoro; seconded by Joanna Bruner.

This is the cost of installation for the Proposed Sanitary Sewer Line on Huntington Road. The overall length of the line is 5,828 feet. Based on the bid specs of the current project, the total cost of this extension is \$839,288. This includes traffic control, maintenance and protection, sediment control and temporary paving.

Present for discussion were Joe Solemene and John DeVecchio.

Mr. Solemene stated that the state was going to reconstruct Huntington Road; This is a 4.2 million dollar project. Stratford put \$70,000 in for the full design of the reconstruction design of Huntington Road-TR. Trumbull was not asked to put in any money. Stratford wants to award the bid. All we have to do would be to patch over the area we would open up for our hookup. As soon as the work is done, Guerrero Construction will come in and reconstruct the road. The State will not do the reconstruction of the roadway unless our sewer line has been installed. If we do this, we will be saving \$400,000.

Recess called 8:35 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.

Upon return, Mr. Smith stated he will be voting against this because of the lack of documentation, no assurances and that he does not like being told two days before that this has to be done and the town will lose out.

Mr. Crooks is concerned about not having any documentation on the Stratford piece or any specific calculation on the dollar amount.

Ms. McGannon feels it would be crazy to turn down a \$400,000 savings because of lack of documentation.

Vote on 2-09-02 carries 5 – 1 (Smith)

Internal Auditor Report to be put on March agenda.

Motion to adjourn (Smith); seconded (Crooks). Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bokine, Clerk