

BOARD OF FINANCE  
December 11, 2008  
MINUTES

Present: Kathy McGannon, Marty Shapiro, Tom Tesoro, William Crooks, Mark Smith, Ken Martin and alternates Steve Lupien and Lisa Valenti

Also present: Ray Baldwin, F/S; Lynn Heim, D/F; Lynn Scully, I/A; Liz Smith, A/A; Anthony Musto, Treasurer; and Dan Schopick, T/A

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Kathy McGannon. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember our servicemen and women stationed around the world.

Public Comments: None

**Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2008...**Marty Shapiro moved to approve; seconded by Tom Tesoro.

Bill Crooks moved to amend minutes on page 1...remove Steve Lupien's name from those present.

Ken Martin recused himself as he was not at that meeting; Lisa Valenti voting in his place.

Motion on amendment carries 6 – 0...Motion on amended motion carries 6 – 0

**Treasurer's Report...**Anthony Musto reviewed his report. He continued to show the accumulated interest and basis points.

**Election of Officers...**Marty Shapiro nominated Kathy McGannon for Chairman; seconded by Tom Tesoro. There were no other nominations. Motion carries 6 – 0

Bill Crooks nominated Mark Smith for Vice Chairman; seconded by Ken Martin.  
Kathy McGannon nominated Mark Shapiro for Vice Chairman; seconded by Tom Tesoro.

Bill Crooks said keeping in mind the message given by the First Selectman last year that he wanted to see a bi-partisan effort made wherever possible; this would be a good move in that direction. Mr. Smith has had a year in this position, has gained the qualifications, has the financial knowledge and zeal to perform at a higher level. This is why Mr. Smith is being nominated.

Kathy McGannon does not disagree; however, this has been a tough year and a strong relationship has developed between Ms. McGannon and Mr. Shapiro. She would be more comfortable with a member of her own party.

In Favor of Mark Smith...3 (Smith, Crooks, Martin) – 0  
In Favor of Marty Shapiro...3 (Shapiro, McGannon, Tesoro) – 0  
First Selectman Ray Baldwin voted for Shapiro to break the tie.

Mr. Crooks nominated Mr. Tesoro for secretary; seconded by Mr. Smith. There were no other nominations. Motion carries 6 – 0.

Mr. Tesoro left (7:30 p.m.); Mr. Lupien to sit in his place.

Meeting dates...Board will continue to meet the second Thursday of the month except for April as that day is the beginning of Passover and Good Friday. April's meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. A listing of monthly dates will be emailed to everyone.

Budget hearing dates will be emailed to everyone for their approval.

Rules of Procedure...no changes have been made. Rules will remain the same as last year. Approved unanimously by the Board of Finance.

Motion made by Marty Shapiro to take Item **12/08/02** Police out of order; seconded by Mark Smith.

Marty Shapiro moved Item 12/08/02...Appropriate from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$47,605 to Account 01022000-581888 Capital Outlay; seconded by Steve Lupien.

Present for discussion Chief Kiely, Brian Casey, Dep. Chief Mike Harry, Dep. Chief Glenn Byrnes, Police Commissioner Anna Henry.

The TPD is asking for \$48,000 to upgrade the Department's computer system. Included are MDTs for five vehicles; 27 desktop PCs; MS office 2007 licenses; booking printer; and digital evidence software. The Trumbull Police Department cannot continue the risk of using an operating system which can expose customers to security risks. The CT Department of Information Technology mandates we can no longer use Windows 98 on workstations connected to a network on which NCIC/COLLECT workstations reside.

Brian Casey explained the need for each of the items needed. Discussion followed.

Bill Crooks stated that he has a problem with supplemental appropriations. Especially when a budget is cut and we are now being asked to restore that cut. He also stated that he has a problem with restoring items for a very tight fiscal year.

Motion carries unanimously 6 – 0

Motion made by Marty Shapiro to take Item **12/08/04** out of order; seconded by Ken Martin.

Marty Shapiro moved item 12/08/04...Parks...Appropriate from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$4,864 to Account 01080600-581888 Capital Outlay; seconded by Steve Lupien.

This would cover the first year of a five year lease for the purchase of a vehicle to replace a 1996 ford F-150 4X4 truck.

Present for discussion Dmitri Paris, Parks Superintendent and Bob Ferrigno, Chairman, Parks Commission.

Chair asked if the purchase of this truck could be held off until the spring? If it can be held off until March, we would have a clearer picture of what would be left in the parks' budget and maybe that will be doable by using transfers. Discussion followed.

Motion fails 3 – 3 (McGannon, Smith, Martin)

**12/08/01**...Board of Education...Appropriate from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$315,958 to 01060000-522205 Program Expenses.

Mrs. Heim is present to answer any questions.

This will cover items previously approved and put in the BOE operating budget and not a separate capital project fund. These monies were not spent in the same fiscal year as appropriated (\$125,958 for the agriscience grant (\$119,660 provided by the State and \$6,298 given by the Town); \$190,000 appropriated by the Town Council (\$140,000 by the BOF) for the security project in nine of the schools (primarily entrance vigilance hardware).

These monies now need to be re-appropriated by both Town bodies as these monies were not spent in the same fiscal year as appropriated. Discussion followed.

Mr. Crooks has a problem approving this item because of the dire straits that the state is in and not having a letter of evidence showing that the commitment is still solid and that the state is 100% behind it. He is concerned that it may not still be honored by the state. He does not feel that a verbal say so is okay for a \$119,000 receivable. Mrs. Heim will get a printout showing that the grant is still pending and has basically been approved by the state. This has to go before the Council.

Mr. Shapiro spoke with Mr. Iassogna and Mr. Sirico today and they told him that they had received verbal information that the money was there but that the grant may be pulled as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.

By unanimous consent the Board agreed to suspend discussion to give Mrs. Heim an opportunity to get state report on grants.

Marty Shapiro moved to take up Item **12-08-03**; seconded by Steve Lupien.

Marty Shapiro moved item 12-08-03...Town Attorney...Appropriate from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$30,803.23 to Account 01012800-522203 Ancillary Services to cover the Town of Trumbull's settlement share of case known as Combe Fill South; seconded by Steve Lupien.

This case has been going on for several years and involves several towns accused to illegal dumping in a New Jersey landfill.

Motion carries unanimously 6 – 0.

Recess called at 9:40 p.m.

At 9:50 p.m., the Board returned to regular session.

At this time the Board continued discussion of Item 12-08-01.

The Board is requesting that the Board of Education allow Steve Sirico to attend all meetings that have supplemental appropriation requests for them.

Vote on this motion carries 4 – 2 (Smith, Martin).

Motion made to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bokine, Clerk