

TOWN OF STONINGTON

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Stonington Police Department Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

7:15 PM

A meeting of the Board of Finance was held on this date at the Stonington Police Department Meeting Room. Members present were Lynn Young, Michael Fauerbach, Deborah Norman, Bob Statchen, Chris Johnson, Lynn Young, and Chairman Tim O'Brien. Bryan Bentz was not in attendance.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Public Comments: No comments from the public.

Previous Minutes: The Chairman requested a motion to approve the February 22, 2023, meeting minutes. Ms. Young motioned, and Mr. Johnson seconded it. The Chairman asked members for any discussion or corrections pertaining to the minutes. Mr. Fauerbach indicated that he would like a line added to the minutes under the WPCA budget presentation, reflecting the Board's request that the WPCA Director provide the Board with 4 years of WPCA operating financial statements during budget presentations in the future. The Chairman called for a vote to approve the minutes, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Line-item Transfer Requests

Peter Anderson, the BOE Facilities Director, requested the Board approve two-line item transfers. The first is for a transfer of \$8,146.37 from the BOE CIP account "Kitchen Equipment" to the BOE general appropriation line to fund the purchase of refrigerators for the Home Economics class. The surplus in the account was a result of the kitchen equipment coming in below budget. The second is for a transfer of \$11,350.00 from the "Artificial Turf Replacement" account to the "track repair" account, to paint new lines on the track, that have faded. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the two line-item transfer requests. Mr. Statchen motioned, and Ms. Norman seconded the motion. The Chairman requested a vote, and the line-item transfers were passed unanimously.

The Director of Finance requested a line-item transfer of the surplus in two police CIP accounts to a third account, totaling \$21,400, to fund the purchase of license plate reader cameras and related service contract. The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the line-item transfer, Mr. Fauerbach motioned, and Ms. Norman seconded the motion. Deputy Chief Olson explained that there was enough money in the CIP camera account without requiring the transfer of funds. In light of that information, the Director of Finance requested the motion be voted down. The Chairman called for a vote, and the motion failed unanimously. The Board went on further to

endorse the use of the "Police Facility Camera" CIP account to fund the purchase of the license plate reader cameras.

Approval of the 2023 Tax Collector's Suspense Listing

The Chairman requested a motion to approve the 2023 Tax Collector's Suspense Listing as presented. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the listing, Ms. Young motioned, Mr. Fauerbach seconded. The Chairman called for discussion. Several Board Members inquired as to why these accounts are being suspended. Mr. Sullivan explained that this list represents uncollectible accounts, that could not be collected even if they were sent to collections, for various reasons. The Chairman called for a vote; the request was passed unanimously.

Ms. Norman commented that in one of the sentences on the suspense listing, the line read, "Gentlemen: The following list of uncollectible uncollected taxes for transfer to the suspense tax book is respectfully submitted for your examination and approval". She noted that this sentence presupposes that all the Members of the Board are men. If possible, she would like to have that sentence changed to something more neutral such as "Members". The Director of Finance said he would look into whether or not the language could be changed, or whether it is a mandated state form.

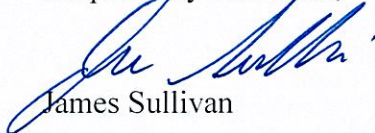
Liaison Reports

Highway Department Liaison Report: The Chairman noted that the interviewing process for the Director of Public Works is continuing, and based on the interviews held to date, he is optimistic that the position will be filled shortly.

Not for Profit Liaison Report: Ms. Young expressed her thought, that someone from the Board of Finance, should follow up with the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center (PNC), about the PNC allowing a representative from the Town to join the PNC's board of directors, and that with the amount of funding that the Town provides to the PNC, the Town should have some say and oversight of how the Center is run and managed.

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Young motioned, and Mr. Statchen seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Sullivan", is written over the printed name.

James Sullivan
Director of Finance