July 1, 2015

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz and Sandy Grimes. Tim O'Brien and June Strunk were absent.

Chairman Frishman called meeting to order at 7:15 Pm.

Previous Minutes-Motion to accept previous meetings made by Mr Wheeler and seconded by Mr.Grimes. Motion passed.

Correspondence -None

Comments from the Public -
Kelly Lee, a representative from the Westerly Adult Day Center provided the Board with information on services and costs of programs provided by the center.

Motion made by Chairman Frishman

Stonington Ambulance Corp - Theresa Hersh of the Stonington Ambulance Corp made a presentation to the board about the state of the Corps building. She stated that the floor of their building and driveway are sinking due to underground erosion and a large drainpipe under the property. She is asking for $227,000+ to repair the garage floor, driveway, and a/c and heating unit. This needs to be done while the temperature at night is still above 55 degrees, which would be by October. It would take 6-8 weeks to complete. Mr. Grimes stated that since the property is leased from the town, aren't we liable? Selectman Crouse agreed that the town should take care of the land and not the building. Since there were two members absent, Mr. Frishman suggested we put it on Septembers agenda.

Finance Director- Jim Sullivan presented the board with the engagement letter from our current auditor, Cohn-Reznick, for the 2014-15 audit of the Town's annual report. Mr. Bentz had some concerns and questions about some of the terms and conditions incorporated into the contract and asked the Finance Director to get clarification from the audit firm in regards to two of the conditions of the contract. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Bid Waivers

BOE Business Manager- Bill King presented the board with four bid waiver requests for the purchase of various computer software and hardware as follows:

1)Request for waiver of any Apple products purchased for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, as an educational institution, the BOE must purchase Apple products directly from Apple.

2)Request for waiver of any Microsoft products purchased for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, as an educational institution, the BOE must purchase products directly Microsoft.

3)Request for waiver for the purchased of Veeam Disaster recovery software, as this has already been procured by the State of CT Board of Regents for higher education, through the state bid/procurement process. The waiver would be for $26,500.48

4)Request for waiver for the purchased of Dell Chromebooks, servers, laptops, and software. The waiver would be for $195,000.

Motion to approve waivers 1, 2, & 3 was made by Mr.Bentz and seconded by Mr. Grimes. Motion passed.

Mr. Bentz raised some concerns about the quality of Dell products and asked Mr. King to investigate the quality and reliability of Dell products, consequently waiver #4 for the Dell products was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Works Director- Barbara McKrell presented the board with a bid waiver request for the purchase of two dump trucks with snow removal accessories off the state bid list. Base price for each truck is $150,941. Mrs. McKrell also asked that she be allowed to add two options to each truck, a three door tailgate and fenders. Mrs. McKrell did not have the price of the two options available at the time of the meeting but indicated to the board that she would contact the vendor as soon as possible to get those prices, and would let the board know as soon as possible. The waiver request was tabled until the next meeting until the total price of the trucks is known. Mrs. McKrell invited the public works board liason, Mr. Wheeler, to come down to the public works garage the following week as the vendor is bringing a truck down to Stonington for viewing.

Fields Committee Report- Member Grimes commented on fees for use of town fields. He is concerned that we will not be able to collect fees for playing on the fields. Mr. Grimes also said he will draft an inquiry ask the Board of Selectman where they are on this issue as they are the only agency that can impose the fees.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:15 pm by Mr. Wheeler, Mr.

Bentz seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

June Strunk
Secretary

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