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The Board of Finance held a Special Meeting on this date in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairman Bryan Bentz; June D. Strunk, Dudley Wheeler, Glenn Frishman and Tim O'Brien. James Sullivan, Director of Finance, and Chief of Police Darren Stewart were also in attendance. Captain Todd Olsen was present via teleconference.

Chairman Bentz called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Bid Waivers-

Chief Stewart spoke about the disrepair of the approximately 18 year old air conditioning units in the Police Station. He is requesting a bid waiver to purchase new Trane units. Captain Olson spoke of the great references he has for Trane, and stated that by going through them directly and not using a middle man, there would be no mark up. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mr. Wheeler seconded, and voting was unanimous. Chief Stewart also mentioned that the basement unit is now broken as well, and asked the Board if they would be in agreement that he use his Building and Grounds account budget to replace that as well, with the understanding that if he needs more funding in the future, there is the possibility that he will be asking for an appropriation. The Board agreed to this and will monitor it down the road.

Chief Stewart then asked for a bid waiver to purchase four new vehicles from MHQ, which would then be up-fitted by Strobes and More, of Westerly, with the necessary police equipment. He said that some equipment can be salvaged from the older models, while some needs to be replaced. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mrs. Strunk seconded, and voting was unanimous.

K-12 Building Committee-

Mrs. Strunk mentioned that the building design between the two schools is about 900 square feet over what was submitted to the State for reimbursement. She said this is partially due to the fact that there were not accurate surveys of the buildings. She said it is also due to modifications made to the square footage allotments for different grades and programs. She said the committee saw the changes at the last meeting, did not endorse them, but acknowledged that they were aware of them. It will now go to the Board of Ed to approve before it goes back to the State.

With no further business before the board, Mr. Frishman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Strunk, Secretary

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