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November 4, 2015

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date in the conference room of the Stonington Police Station. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; June Strunk Secretary; Dudley wheeler, Bryan Bentz and Michael Fauerbach. Director of Finance James Sullivan and Tax Assessor Marsha Standish were also present.

Mr. Frishman and Mr. Fauerbach were sworn in by Mr. Bentz this evening.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:15.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Sullivan observed that there was no dollar amount listed in the October minutes regarding the cost of the education requirements for the registrars. Mr. Frishman said it should be noted that the cost was $3,200.00. Mr. Frishman made a motion to table the minutes, Mrs. Strunk seconded.

Correspondence

Mr. Frishman explained that the correspondence from the town attorney was regarding the question that he had posed to him regarding fire districts and the town's responsibility by statute with regard to a public safety answering point, in other words, 911. The question he asked was if the town is meeting its responsibilities under the statute through our current 911 system. He noted that some districts are going to a different dispatch center. He said a future discussion will take place when a proposal comes our way. Mr. Frishman feels some fire

districts may request to change their 911 dispatch, and wanted the board to be aware.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Sullivan gave a spreadsheet to all members explaining 2014-2015 transfers. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the transfers, and Mrs. Strunk seconded and voting was unanimous.

Election of Officers

Mrs. Strunk nominated Mr. Bentz for Chairman of the Board of Finance. Mr. Frishman seconded the nomination. Voting was unanimous. Mr. Wheeler nominated Mrs. Strunk for Secretary of the Board of Finance, and Mr. Frishman seconded and voting was unanimous.

Liaison reports

There were none.

Liaison Assignments

Mr. Frishman put together a draft of liaison assignments and explained the policies to Mr. Fauerbach. Mrs. Strunk explained that for communication, there is a BOF member present for every major function of the town. Mr. Fauerbach stated that he would like to sit down with members to learn more about the assignments.

K-12 Liaison Reports

Mrs. Strunk noted that they are interviewing three construction managers on Monday, and after that they will make a decision on which it is going to be. Mr. Bentz asked what the employment mechanism is because the job requires quite a length of time. Mr. Sullivan responded that the contractor is in a contract with the town and they take over the project. Mr. Sullivan said that these are major construction firms. Mrs. Strunk noted that they are doing this now so that the school will open a year early and theoretically save on one year of inflation. Mr. Sullivan said that once this gets under way there will be weekly or bi-weekly meetings with construction managers to review progress.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Strunk asked if we could change the date of the December meeting. Tuesday, December 8th was decided on. A location will be determined at a later date.

Mr. Frishman noted that the budget season is coming up; Mr. Sullivan prepared a "What If" budget sheet, assuming a 2.5% increase and what that will mean in cost. Mr. Frishman asked Ms. Standish if she saw a huge change in the Grand List. Ms. Standish stated that it would depend on what else is happening in the community. Mr. Sullivan asked if he had discretion in restructuring the budget going forward this year. Mr. Bentz suggested he put on paper what he would like to move and they can discuss and then they can give a presentation to the whole board.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fauerbach seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

June D. Strunk

Secretary

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