

January 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held on this date in the Stonington Police Department meeting room. Members present were Bryan Bentz, Chairman; Michael Fauerbach, Glenn Frishman, Blunt White, and Tim O'Brien. Secretary June D. Strunk was absent. Also present were First Selectman Rob Simmons; James Sullivan, Finance Director; Barbara McKrell, Public Works Director; Tom Curioso, Highway Supervisor; Scott Deledda, Town Engineer; Bill King, Business Manager; Marsha Standish, Town Assessor; and Van Riley, Superintendent of Schools, along with interested citizens.

Chairman Bentz called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.

Comments from the Public -there were none

Previous Minutes – Mr. White and Mr. Fauerbach suggested slight revisions of the wording in the previous minutes. Mr. Frishman made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Transfers

- Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the transfer from labor negotiation line item 10123-80341 to payroll line items to reflect wage increases that were in effect 7/1/16. Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the transfer of funds for mandatory training of election personnel. Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$6000 from the Selectman's budget line item 10101-80100 to the Dept. of Public Works for chainsaw training to allow for the Dept. of Public Works to do in-house pruning and removal of condemned trees. Dir. McKrell stated that there will be a significant cost savings by completing these tasks internally. Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- Mr. Frishman made a motion to transfer \$69,000 from CIP budget line 4022015-88202 to a new CIP line item for repairs and refurbishment of the elevator at Mystic Middle School. Mr. King explained that the lift is very erratic and that Otis has come out several times to repair it. There is a student that uses the elevator every day. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the transfer, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waiver

- Mr. King stated that he left the bid waiver open-ended in case a lower bid comes in. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the bid waiver, not to exceed \$69,000, for the repairs and refurbishment of the Mystic Middle School elevator. Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Additional Appropriations

- Mr. Deledda requested an additional \$80,000 for the Bayview Avenue drainage project, due to unexpected ledge in the area. He stated that the town is considering either blasting or

mechanical removal of the rock. He stated that there is concern that the vibration could damage nearby water lines and the water tower. The Board agreed to Mr. Deledda hiring a consultant, for approximately \$25,000, to determine which method poses the least risk, with the understanding that he would be back within the next month or two to request the additional funds.

Bid Waivers

- Dir. McKrell requested a bid waiver to procure a Heavy Duty large dump truck which was approved in the 2015-2016 CIP budget. She stated that Mr. Curioso negotiated the procurement for less than what was budgeted. Mr. Frishman motioned to approve the bid waiver, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Member Discussion

- Mr. White expressed his concern over the funding of the OPEB plan. Discussion ensued. Mr. O'Brien suggested that Mr. White meet with Dir. Sullivan to discuss this further.

Correspondence

- Ms. Standish presented the Board with the summary of the 2015 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Assessment.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to add discussion of the State Budget Cuts to the agenda. Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous. Selectman Simmons stated that while the cuts are not set in stone, they are disturbing, yet not surprising. He believes Stonington has been fiscally responsible, and is well positioned to address the upcoming issues. Discussion ensued.

Liaison Reports-there were none

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With no further issues to come before the board, Chairman Bentz made a motion to adjourn, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



June D. Strunk