

**May 3, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was held on this date in the meeting room of the Stonington Police Department. Members present were Chairman Bryan Bentz, Secretary June D. Strunk, Glenn Frishman, Tim O'Brien, Mike Fauerbach, and Blunt White. Also present were Marsha Standish, Director of Assessment; Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works; Leann Theodore, Director of Human Services, and Barbara Dexter, Senior Accountant for the Town.

Chairman Bentz called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**Comments from the public**-there were none.

**Previous Minutes**-Mr. Fauerbach made a motion to approve the March 1, March 22, March 29, March 30, April 5 and April 19 minutes as amended. Mr. Frishman seconded, and voting was unanimous.

**Bid Waivers-**

- **Human Services**-Director Theodore made a request for a waiver of \$28,550.00 to select Dalton Track and Tennis as a contractor to repair the Spellman Tennis Courts. She stated that they have a 30 year history with the town, and have quoted the same price that they did in 2012. She also mentioned a second proposal that came in at \$31,000.00 more. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- **K-12 Building Committee**-Mrs. Strunk explained that this bid waiver is going to be used to hire G. Donovan Associates, Inc. to turn the stage at West Vine Street School into three temporary classrooms. The estimated cost is \$14,458.70. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the bid waiver, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

*Mr. Frishman made a motion to add a bid waiver for pavement milling to the agenda, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.*

- **Director of Public Works**-Director McKrell requested a bid waiver to have Black & Boucher LLC provide milling services and J.H. Lynch & Sons/Wescon provide paving services for this year. She stated that both contractors have worked with her for the last four years, and she has had great success with these companies. They both have agreed to match state prices. She stated that work could begin as soon as this month if these are approved. She also said that American Industries is

the low bidder on this but that JS. Lynch was willing to match that bid.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the waiver, Mr. Frishman seconded, and voting was unanimous.

### **Line Item Transfers**

- Director Standish requested a transfer of \$195 from Department of Assessment line item #10129-80188 to cover short fall in appeals budget. She stated that the shortfall is due to the fact that the length of time the secretaries services are needed is unpredictable. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- Mr. Fauerbach made a motion to approve the transfer of \$4,378, \$12,657, \$4,343 from Sanitarian line item #'s 10124-80039 and 10124-80040, and line item 10124-80166 professional services, respectively, for a total of \$21,378, to line item 10124-80198 Ledge Light health Services, to cover membership fees for May and June. Mr. Frishman seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the transfer of \$525 from Affordable Housing Commission line item #10102-80132 to Conservation Commission "Barn Island Field Trips" account #10145-80163 to pay for buses and field trips. Mrs. Strunk seconded and voting was unanimous.
- Transfer of \$15,000 from Board of Finance "Legal support" line item #10136-80197 to Risk Management line item "Flood Plain Remediation" account #10137-803XX. Chairman Bentz said that he had spoken to Selectman Simmons about this item. Director McKrell explained that Stonington lost its favorable insurance rating because several properties did not meet Flood Plain requirements when they were constructed. She said the Town was able to bring all but one into compliance. She said that using this small expenditure will bring the remaining house into compliance, therefore saving the community millions of dollars in flood insurance. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the waiver, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

### **Discussion**

- The Board was given copies of the RFP submissions for review and a decision was made to discuss them at the May 10 Special Meeting.
- Chairman Bentz suggested the Board review the Town Policies for Investment, Debt and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) and governance.
- Mr. White handed out copies of the Administration of the Pension Plan for additional review by the Board.

**Correspondence-** A memo from Chief Stewart regarding expenditures this fiscal year was reviewed.

**Liaison Reports-**there were none.

**K-12 Liaison Reports-**Mrs. Strunk stated that the start of new construction of the two elementary schools will be delayed by about three months. The original plan was for the construction to be complete for schools to be open by the fall of 2018, but now it will be Holiday Break. She said this delay will not effect the overall cost. She noted that after all bid packages are opened they will have a more definitive calculation to where they are in budget. She also stated that the K-12 Building Committee will be asking the Board for a general bid waiver at an upcoming meeting. This will allow the Committee to make hiring decisions without slowing down the building process . It will also stipulate that all bids will come off the state bid list.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Frishman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June D. Strunk". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

June D. Strunk,  
Secretary

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