

July 11, 2018

A Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held on this date in the cafeteria of Mystic Middle School. Members present were Chairwoman June D. Strunk, Secretary Glenn Frishman, Tim O'Brien, Mike Fauerbach, Lynn Young and Blunt White. Danielle Chesebrough was absent. Also present were Director of Finance Jim Sullivan, Police Chief Darren Stewart, President of the Stonington Free Library Board of Trustees Nick Kepple, along with other staff members.

Mrs. Strunk called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Comments from the public- none.

Previous minutes-Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the June 6th minutes as amended, and to table the May 2nd and May 16th minutes. The Board agreed to submit the June 18th minutes as a memo only. Mrs. Strunk seconded, and voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business-none

New Business

Additional Appropriations

- Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of the revised amount of \$84,000 requested by Town Engineer Scot Deledda for Tank Removal and Replacement Projects. He noted the reason for the reduced amount is that after meeting with SNEFLA (Southern New England Fishing and Lobstering Assoc) and First Selectman Simmons, it was decided to proceed only with the soil remediation and tank removal portion of the project at this time. Mr. Fauerbach seconded and voting was unanimous. Motion carried.
- Mr. Frishman made a motion to amend and approve the request from the Police Chief for the additional appropriation of \$25,000 for the Police Facility Internal Camera System replacement. Chief Stewart noted that the camera system that is currently in use is the one original to the building and is in constant need of repair. Ms. Young seconded the motion, and voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers

Director Sullivan reviewed the following various departmental line item transfers:

- Conservation Commission-\$698 to Barn Island Field Trips, transferred with budget items with surpluses to budget items in deficit in Conservation budget.
- Town Assessor's Department-\$726.78 due to under funding for attendance at Northeast Conference and Assessor's School.
- Building Official-\$556.33 due to code changes that require new books and commentary.
- Department of Finance-\$8,786 transferred budget items with surpluses to budget items in deficit in Finance and Board of Finance Budgets, and to adjust audit line item to actual fee per engagement letter.
- Director of Planning-\$1,736 transferred from budget items with surpluses to budget items in

deficit.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to pass the transfers, Ms. Young seconded, and voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

Discuss correspondence received from the Stonington Free Library-Mr. Kepple spoke regarding requests for additional funding for the library. The Board discussed the other obligations in the Town, including finishing the schools, police station upgrades, and PCB remediation at West Vine Street School. Mr. Kepple suggested \$60,000 in increases for the next five years, noting that Stonington spends about 25% of what other local towns do on their libraries. Mr. Fauerbach said that the library's needs are a long term issue and that the Board needs to help, as we risk the library going out of business if we don't. Mr. O'Brien concurred and made a motion to form a Task Force to work collaboratively with the Stonington Free Library on future funding, Ms. Young seconded, and voting was unanimous. Motion carried.

Presentation of 06/30/17 fiscal year end audit report by Audit Firm to the Board of Finance- Joe Centofanti, from O'Connor Davies, reviewed the town wide audit presented, and answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued.

Discussion pertaining to SEAT-tabled.

Correspondence-none

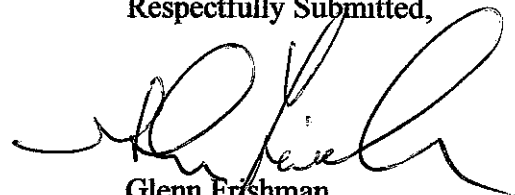
Liaison Reports-none

K-12 Liaison Report-Mrs. Strunk reported that the EPA approved the remediation plan at West Vine Street School in its entirety.

Discuss Health Insurance Fund funding-Mrs. Strunk said that she and Mr. White have been working on the issue of the funding for Health Insurance. She noted that when the Finance Director for the Board of Education came on board, he used a different calculation on how to fund healthcare. She said that while the town funds it on census per capita, the BOE elected to finance it based on claims, which has resulted in under funding for this year and last year. Mrs. Strunk said that she is meeting with the interim Chair, Alexa Garvey, on Friday morning to discuss this as well as the need for an annual line item transfer summary from the Board of Ed.

With no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Young motioned to adjourn, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous. Motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Glenn Frishman
Secretary