

September 6, 2017

A Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held on his 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. Director of Finance James Sullivan, Police Chief Darren Stewart, Police Captain Todd Olson and Town Engineer Scott Deledda were also present.

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

Comments from the Public-There were none.

Previous Minutes-The Board discussed a clarification in the July 19 minutes regarding the DMS and WVVS school projects. Mr. Frishman made a motion to accept the July 19 minutes as amended, Mr. O'Brien seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waiver-Town Engineer Scott Deledda spoke regarding a bid waiver to select a bridge contractor from the State list of Prequalified Construction Firms for the Stillman Ave. bridge. He stated that he is asking for lump sum proposals as well as a breakdown of costs so that he can cross check to the State of CT DOT low bid contract. This will help determine if it will be more cost effective to contract directly with the State low bid contractor, or if a lump sum fee from a qualified contractor would be more advantageous. He said that he would do a review of all references and also have a bridge specialist consult. He stated that of the contractors that he received proposals from, four are on the State Contractor low bid list and one, which was recommended by the Town of Westerly, is on the prequalified list. He said that pending approval, he can start getting bids this month, with construction starting in September/October. He also mentioned that the town is splitting the cost of repairs with the Town of Westerly, and that Stonington has already budgeted 40,000 for the project. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the waiver, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Line item transfer-Chief Stewart requested a line item transfer of \$10,817.12 from line item #10161-80045 "Regular Officer Salary" to line item # 10161-80147 "Equipment" for the trade -in and purchase of hand guns and shotguns, in the 16/17 fiscal budget. Chief Stewart said that the Department can purchase new generation handguns for \$469 each. The guns are 7 years old, and rather than refurbish them, they could trade them in for the latest model for an additional \$154 after trade in. Captain Olson stated that it would create significant cost savings to the town. Chief Stewart also noted that the guns are the same type that are in use now, so parts are interchangeable. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mrs. Strunk seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Additional appropriation-Mr. Deledda requested an appropriation of \$88,200 to #4022017-88165 "Bayview Avenue Drainage Project" to be funded from general fund, fund balance account #101-70200 for rock removal and extended blasting. He explained that the contractor on the project had found an unexpected amount of ledge on the site, and after investigating all options, it was concluded that the best one was to hire a firm to blast to remove it. He stated that installing pipe around the ledge was not an option. It was noted that homeowners in the area are very frustrated, as this project has been going on for many years. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the appropriation, Mr. Frishman seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Discussion-The Board reviewed the changes in the Town Investment Policy. Discussion ensued. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to submit the Policy to the Board of Selectman, Mr. White seconded, and voting was unanimous.

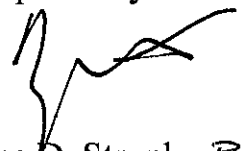
Correspondence-there was none.

Liaison Reports-there were none.

K-12 Liaison Reports-Mrs Strunk stated that the school building projects are on schedule, and school started on time. She noted that the EPA has been doing ongoing testing for asbestos and PCB's. She said that the schools are safe the way they are, but the committee has decided to completely remove all of the source materials. She noted that the levels are very low, and according to the EPA, encapsulation is an effective way to contain them. She said that there will be a meeting with all parties involved to discuss the technical data regarding this.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Fauerbach made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Frishman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


June D. Strunk *BRYAN BENTZ*

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