

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance held their regular meeting on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman John Kortze called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

**Present:** John Kortze, Harry Waterbury, James Filan, John Godin, James Filan, Mike Portnoy

**Absent:** Joseph Kearney

**Also Present:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Director of Finance Bob Tait, 3 members of the public and one member of the press

**VOTER COMMENTS:** NONE

**COMMUNICATIONS:** (Attachment A) List of various BOE union contract expirations and rates was distributed as well as an e-mail revolving around a discussion of a couple comments made by Joe Kearney as well as enrollment predictions. Mr. Kortze has communicated with the sender saying that they would be more than happy to answer questions over public participations but they cannot communicate collectively as a board over e-mail.

**ADD TO AGENDA - MINUTES** – Mr. Godin moved to add the minutes of the 11/10/14 and the special meeting of 11/19/14 to the agenda. Mr. Filan seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Godin moved to approve the minutes of the 11/10/14 meeting. Mr. Waterbury seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Godin moved to approve the minutes of the 11/19/14 special meeting. Mr. Portnoy seconded, motion unanimously approved.

**FIRST SELECTMANS REPORT** – Mrs. Llodra presented a profile of a piece of property that the town took, 28A Glen Road, Watkins property (Attachment B). This is a model of what they will see with 7 Glen Road and other properties that they have identified as those that would be targets for the brown field intervention. The town works with the owners to bring them up to date, it is only when they demonstrate over many years that they are not able to do that, does the town execute on the foreclosure. This is only with brown fields. They have been fortunate up to this point to have all of this activity take place under grants. When 7 Glen Road went to the Legislative Council, the action that they had to take, by motion was to determine that that property is not being reserved for public use. It is a comprehensive plan to help increase the grand list.

Mr. Kortze asked about the property on Yogananda Road. Mrs. Llodra explained that in January they will be returning as government bodies to the discussion of the disposition of the property. She has had significant outreach to families and others in that area to determine what their best action would be. If one should ask, Mrs. Llodra is actively seeking input and working on the disposition of the property. Mrs. Llodra explained that she welcomes input but the most important voice to help guide the decision are the people who have been most directly impacted.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Mr. Tait suggested that over the next couple of meetings that they review the financial policies starting with the Debt Services Policy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Waterbury moved to accept the 2015 meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Godin seconded, motion unanimously approved (Attachment C).

Mr. Godin moved to transfer \$8,500 from Contingency 1-101-24-570-5899-0000 to Equipment-Technology 1-101-11-205-5744-0000. Mr. Filan seconded, motion unanimously approved (Attachment D)

Mr. Godin moved to transfer \$60,0000 Police Salaries & Wages-Full Time 1-101-12-310-5110-0000 to Police Salaries & Wages Overtime 1-101-12-310-5130-0000. Mr. Waterbury seconded, motion unanimously approved (Attachment E).

Mr. Godin moved to transfer \$61,775 from Public Works Salaries & Wages-Full Time 1-101-13-500-5110-0000 to Capital 1-101-13-500-5749-000 \$37,500, Contractual Services 1-101-13-500-5505-0000 \$12,000 and \$12,275 to Salaries & Wages-Overtime. Mr. Waterbury seconded, motion unanimously approved (Attachment F).

Hook and Ladder is only at the architectural phase. They will be on first agenda in January.

BOE Monthly Financial Report, October 31, 2014 (Attachment G).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk

Attachment A – Communications  
Attachment B – Environmental Site Assessment  
Attachment C – 2015 Meeting Schedule  
Attachment D – Transfer  
Attachment E – Transfer  
Attachment F – Transfer  
Attachment G – BOE Monthly Financial Report