

August 1, 2007

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department Meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Andrew Rines, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; John O'Brien; Bryan Bentz and Kevin Burns. Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance was also present.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Previous Minutes

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment. Mr. Burns seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Salary adjustment-Acting Deputy Chief

Chief Dave Erskine, and Police Commission Chairman Ed McCabe were present to discuss the proposed salary for the temporary position of Acting Deputy Chief. Mr. Frishman stated that there is no line for this salary. Mrs. Stevens confirmed this and said that the funding could be taken from the Lieutenants or Regular Officers line. She added that there has been no Police contract for two years so the numbers provided are projections, the salary is midpoint between the Chief and Captain. Mr. Wheeler questioned why the Board of Finance wasn't notified prior to this decision. Chairman McCabe stated that during the budget process the Chief hadn't given notice and this is an unusual situation. The Acting Deputy Chief position will be in place until February 2, 2008. Mr. Rines made a motion to approve the recommended salary of \$84,943. for the Acting Deputy Chief for 147 days. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Mr. Frishman recused himself and the remaining members voted unanimously. Mr. Wheeler stated that he is not pleased with the way the whole process was handled.

Bid Waiver

Joseph Bragaw, Director of Public Works was present to address the following:
Mr. Burns made a motion to approve bid waiver for the Installation of an Irrigation System on the Baseball and Football fields of SPS. Mr. Wheeler seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve bid waiver for the HVAC work at the Human Services building. Mr. Wheeler seconded and voting was unanimous. Mr. Burns asked Mr. Bragaw if this was it. Mr. Bragaw replied that there is a plumbing issue at the time.

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve bid waiver for the Micro paving of the roads in the Timber Ridge section of Town. Mr. O'Brien seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve bid waiver for the repair/replacement of the terrazzo floor located in the original main room of the Stonington Free Library. Mr. Bentz seconded and voting was unanimous.

Additional Appropriation

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$10,000 for repairs/replacement of water main servicing the Town's picnic grounds. Mr. Rines seconded and voting was unanimous. Mr. Bragaw stated this will include piping, trenching and disposal of materials. In response to a question he replied that yes the Highway Department was capable of performing the work.

Budget transfers

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the following transfer:

From Department of Planning budget to First Selectman's Professional Services - **\$3,000.** for setup and breakdown of public address equipment for land use commission meetings.

Mr. Rines seconded the motion and the transfer was unanimously approved.

Members unanimously agreed to table the Budget transfer request regarding the Pawcatuck Park bulkhead replacement in order to receive additional information. The Board also agreed unanimously that the work needs to be done.

Year End Budget transfers – Nothing to report.

Subcommittee reports

Mr. O'Brien reported that the Certificate of Occupancy has not yet been issued for the High School.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rines seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Rines
Secretary

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