

November 5, 2008

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. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw; Judy Samokar, BOE Finance Manager; First Selectman Ed Haberek and Town residents.

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

**Previous minutes**

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. Rines seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Highway Equipment update**

Members welcomed Mr. Bragaw. Mr. Frishman stated that he and Mr. Burns had met with Mr. Bragaw and Director of Administrative Services George Sylvestre the day before regarding the replacement of the 22k GVW truck. Mr. Bragaw had brought for the members a summary of the actions agreed upon at this meeting. They were as follows: Reimburse Nutmeg the \$3,500 for the trade in on the old T-5 truck and purchase the remaining two T-5 components now. Several members expressed their dissatisfaction at receiving this information just prior to the meeting. All members agreed with Mr. Bragaw that there was a definite breakdown over a long period of time, which brought the department to this situation. A discussion ensued regarding why the State bid list had not been used. Mr. Bragaw explained that the specs are not on the State bid list. Mr. Burns had said he would provide a contact to the State bid list to prevent this happening again. The Board unanimously denied Mr. Bragaw request for a budget transfer to order the spreader and the dump body components now. Mr. Frishman stated that this would be placed as an agenda item for the January meeting.

**Bid Waiver**

BOE Operations Manager Bill King had provided for the members information on the BTU purchase agreement for the three dual fuel schools. He wrote that that the base fuel is natural gas and switching to #2 fuel oil would provide a financial incentive in the contract to change. Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the bid waiver for Dual Fuel. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Correspondence**

Mr. Frishman confirmed the letters to the Board of Education and the Town regarding a level funded budget.

Letter from Town attorney Thomas Londregan regarding payment of fringe benefits beyond employment.

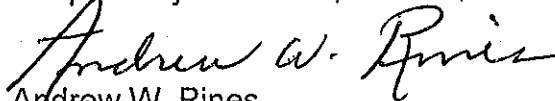
Judy Samokar was present regarding a Memorandum of Understanding addressing BOE Retirement funds. After a brief discussion it was determined that Ms. Samokar will manage this fund and it will be reconciled by Mrs. Stevens., the accounts will be kept on the Town books. Ms. Samokar added that there are 70 employees remaining that were hired prior to Sept 1994. The possibility of this being underfunded if needed was also discussed and it was stated that these additional funds would come from the BOE budget.

**Subcommittee reports**

Nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burns seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Andrew W. Rines  
Secretary

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