

February 6, 2008

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Andrew Rines, Secretary/Acting Chairman; John O'Brien; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz and Kevin Burns. Glenn Frishman was absent. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; First Selectman Ed Haberek, Town Hall and Police Department staff and residents.

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

Previous minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meetings as presented. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Budget Hearings

- Police – Chief Darren Stewart introduced members of the Police commission; Captain Jerry Desmond and Lt. Keith Beebe then gave a brief overview of FY 2008-2009 proposed budget. Chief Stewart commented on the increase in the Regular Officers Salaries line and added that this reflects pay increases from delayed settlement of the Police contract. Mr. Rines asked Chief Stewart to share some of his goals as new Chief. The Chief replied that he wants to be prepared for increased building in the area which in turn generates an increased need for police, dispatchers, etc. The members thanked the gentlemen.
- Highway – Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works presented the 08-09 Highway budget. Mr. Bragaw commented on the increased cost of Diesel Fuel, Bituminous concrete and Chip sealing. He added that progress has been made on the 17 miles of sidewalks but is currently evaluating worst areas to complete those first. Mr. Wheeler suggested putting \$18,500 in CIP for the Catch Basin Cleaning even though the mandate is not in effect for 2008-2009, this would leave the Town prepared. Mr. Burns reintroduced the purchase of a Sweeper-Vacuum.

Project proposal solutions

First Selectman Haberek provided the members with a Project Coordinator Consultant handout detailing specific duties needed for 8 projects that are in various stages of progress. He added that he would like this position to provide weekly Job specific reports to the Project Management team. He also provided a wage range and maximum weekly hours. After a brief discussion, Mr. Burns made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$20,000 from the Property and Liability Insurance account to the Project Administrator line currently within the Planning Department. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Budget transfers

Mr. Burns made a motion to approve the Budget Transfers provided by the Director of Finance. Mr. O'Brien seconded and voting was unanimous.

Correspondence

Marsha Standish, Assessor provided for the members the October 1, 2007 Net Grand List information. There is currently an increase of 44.63% over the October 2006 Grand List.

Subcommittee reports

Mr. Burns mentioned the Mystic River Ambulance budget increase in 2007-2008 and the need to correct this for 2008-2009.

Motion for Executive Session

Mr. O'Brien made the following motion:

I hereby move that the members of the Board of Finance, First Selectman Ed Haberek and Beth-Ann Stewart go into executive session pursuant to General Statutes Section 1-200 (6) (A) for the purpose of discussion relating to the performance and/or salary of the Director of Human Services.

Mr. Burns seconded and the session was unanimously adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Executive Session

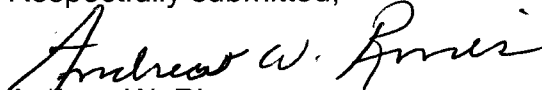
Mr. Rines convened the Executive session with a unanimous vote at 9:12 p.m. Kevin Burns, Bryan Bentz, John O'Brien, Dudley Wheeler, Ed Haberek and Beth-Ann Stewart were present for discussion relating to the performance and/or salary of the Director of Human Services.

Members unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:15 p.m.

Mr. Burns made a motion to reconvene the Public session at 10:17 p.m. This was seconded by Mr. Wheeler and was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Burns made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew W. Rines
Secretary