

March 16, 2011

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

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Additional Appropriations/Bid Waivers

Probate Court – Members received an approval from the Board of Selectmen for a \$3000 **Additional Appropriation** requested by the Probate court. Mrs. Stevens explained that when the Judge of Probate submitted his 2010-2011 budget proposal it covered only July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 as Stonington would be merging with other towns to become the Southeast Corner Regional Probate Court effective January 1, 2011. The appropriation is to cover the January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 period. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$3000 for the Probate Court. Mr. Bentz seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Town Hall - Leased Vehicles – Request from the First Selectman for a **bid waiver** to Valenti Ford for the leasing of three vehicles for 36 months at an annual cost of \$12,528. He added there is currently enough funding in the CIP budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year; however, \$12,528 will have to be included in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Capital Improvements Program budget. These vehicles will replace very old vehicles that have been breaking down lately. Mrs. Stevens stated that she requested 5 to 6 quotes. Mr. Rines suggested a per diem for mileage. Mr. Bentz added that this is very costly per month. A truck currently used by the Public Works will transfer to Human Services; Mr. Bentz asked why the HS dept. needs a vehicle. Mrs. Stewart, Human Services Director replied that with the summer rec program, movie nights and supplies runs it is very necessary. Mr. Rines made a motion to approve the bid waiver for the leasing of three vehicles from Valenti Ford. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Budget deliberations

At this time, Mr. O'Brien addressed a 2010-11 and 2011-12 TOS Funds comparison report requested from the Director of Finance. This included the changes in Revenue sources of Taxes, Licenses & Permits, State grants for Education, Miscellaneous and Fund Balance. Also included-Expenditures in General Government, Debt Service, Board of Education and Town CIP which is up \$852,000 and the BOE CIP which is up \$159,000.

The following adjustments were made:

Schedule of Capital Improvements		
Two (2) Police vehicles	Cut	\$ 53,000
Marine Patrol Police Boat	Cut	\$ 10,000.
New Radar units	Cut	\$ 10,000.
Reclaim & Repave Hewitt Road	Cut	\$137,500.
Install drainage on Farmholme Rd	Cut	\$ 31,000.
Town Dock Seawall	Cut	\$ 20,000
Paint PNC	Cut	\$ 10,000
BOE CIP		
Asbestos Abatement	Cut	\$ 30,000
Elevator shaft (PMS)	Cut	\$ 20,000
Classroom furniture	Cut	\$ 10,000
Paint Gym ceiling (MMS)	Cut	\$ 35,000
Baseboard heat (MMS)	Cut	\$ 10,000
Tiling/Carpeting	Cut	\$ 10,000
Generator Installation	Change to \$1.00	
TOTAL CIP CHANGES		TOTAL (436,499)
General Government		
Department of Human Services		
Westerly Public Library	Cut	\$10,190
Stonington Free Library	Cut	\$ 5,000
Mystic & Noank Library	Cut	\$ 10,000
Health, Sanitation & EMS **See commentary below		
Stonington Ambulance	Cut	\$ 5,000
Mystic River Ambulance	Cut	\$ 5,000
Westerly Ambulance	Cut	\$ 5,000
Department of First Selectman		
Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed	Cut	\$ 10,000
Cuts to Specific Accounts	Cut	\$150,000
TOTAL CHANGES TO TOWN		TOTAL (200,190)
Changes to Revenue		
Use of Fund Balance		\$400,000

The proposed 2011-12 budget currently stands at a mil rate of 15.73, which is a .30 increase over last year .

The Town has to the end of 2012 to join or start a Health District. First Selectman Haberek informed the members that one of the Towns participating in the planned Health District has dropped out so funding for the Health Officer and Sanitarian will be necessary at least one more year.

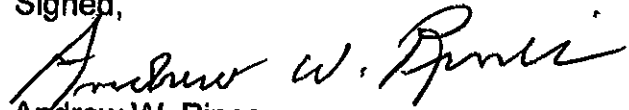
Members had a brief discourse with Glenn Riffe of Stonington Ambulance. They asked that he provide them with additional information pertaining to charges that were forgiven for inability to pay. Mr. Riffe stated that all rates charged are set by the State.

Suspense List

Tax Collector Gisela Harma provided the suspense list for members review. These are uncollectable property taxes to be transferred to the suspense tax book. Mr. Frishman signed and dated the suspense list.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. O'Brien made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Signed,



Andrew W. Rines

Secretary

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