

November 9, 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; Sandy Grimes; Dudley Wheeler; John O'Brien and Bryan Bentz. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; First Selectman Edward Haberek; Police Chief Darren Stewart, Captain Jerry Desmond, IT Manager Roger Kizer and Town residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Mr. Bentz nominated Glenn Frishman to continue as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Wheeler seconded. Mr. Grimes nominated John O'Brien as Chairman. After a brief discussion, Mr. Frishman asked for a show of hands; the final vote was four for Glenn Frishman to remain as Chairman and two for John O'Brien.

Mr. Wheeler nominated Andrew Rines as Secretary. Mr. Frishman seconded the nomination. Mr. Frishman asked for a show of hands; the final vote was four for Andrew Rines to remain as Secretary and Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Grimes voted present. Mr. Frishman and Mr. Rines accepted the positions. Mr. Wheeler closed the nominations and Mr. Rines seconded the motion.

Previous minutes

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

Mr. O'Brien stated that he would like to include Public comments as an item on the agenda; a discussion ensued. Mr. Frishman made a motion to add Public Comments after the Call to Order. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Correspondence

Roger Kizer, IT Manager was present to discuss the Fiber Optic Connection Costs. He provided a copy of the First Selectman memo indicating the Board of Selectmen's unanimous approval at its October 26, 2011 meeting to choose Thames Valley Communication for fiber optic cable. Mr. Kizer outlined the benefits of fiber optic cable. He stated that there is funding available in CIP. Mrs. Stevens confirmed this adding that budget transfers would be necessary after January 1. Mr. Grimes made a motion stating the Boards approval to go forward with the transfers needed to change from copper T1 connections to leasing fiber optic cable from Thames Valley Communications. Mr. Bentz seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimes provided copies of a letter from Conway, Londregan, Sheehan & Monaco, P.C. addressing civility at Board and Commission meetings. He stated that he wants to ensure that no Board or Commission member is inhibited at any meeting.

Bid Waivers

Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond were present to request a bid waiver to purchase Mobile Data Terminals (computers). They stated that they have researched three major companies and after feedback from other Towns have decided to go with Patrol PC. Mr. Grimes asked why they were so expensive. Mr. Kizer replied that these particular units were very rugged and came with a three-year warranty. In response to Mr. Bentz' question, Mr. Kizer stated that the existing licenses would transfer. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the bid waiver for Patrol PC. Mr. Bentz seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

New Business

At this time, First Selectman Haberek informed the members of a Special meeting planned for next week to set up a task force to address the athletic fields in the Town. He would like a representative from the Board of Finance to join the task force.

Mr. O'Brien mentioned the Board of Finance and Board of Education Memorandum of Understanding regarding a consolidation of the finance departments. He stated that he was uncomfortable with how this came about and how it is that Mr. Frishman and Mr. Rines are involved. Mr. Frishman replied that a consultant was hired to review the options and feasibility of a merge and the Memorandum of Understanding is a draft. No decision has been made.

Subcommittee reports

Mr. Grimes stated that he would like very much to be appointed as the Board of Finance liaison to the Board of Education.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rines seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew W. Rines
Secretary