The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Chairman Glenn Frishman; Dudley Wheeler and Sandy Grimes. Member Bryan Bentz was present via telephone. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; Chief Darren Stewart and other police officers and Police Commission members.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

## **Bid Waivers**

Board of Education —Request from William King, Operations Manager for an engine repair for the one district-owned bus. Mr. King provided an estimate from RJ's Diesel Repair Inc. Mr. Wheeler indicated that he was aware of and supported the repairs needed. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the bid waiver for RJ's Diesel Repair Inc.. Mr. Bentz seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Police Department — Chief Stewart had discussed previously with the Finance Director the State of Connecticut monies for 911/dispatch, he presented the following to the Board: a bid waiver request for the purchase of a VHF radio link (\$8878.80) to the Pawcatuck Middle School antenna through their radio vendor CYBERCOM. He added that this would greatly improve radio and portable radio reception and transmitting in the downtown Pawcatuck area. After a brief discussion, Mr. Bentz made a motion to approve the bid waiver to purchase the radio link. Mr. Grimes seconded and voting was unanimous.

Chief Stewart provided the following information to the members for discussion:

- Purchase of two new computers for dispatch (\$3395.47), he added that the current computers would be kept for catastrophic backup.
- Purchase an IMC dispatch-paging program (\$2950) which allows dispatchers
  to transmit information to cell phones regarding calls. Chief Stewart added
  that this would be a huge benefit to the Fire Departments as Plektrons for
  notifications is being phased out.
- The remaining funds (\$28,000) would be transferred from dispatching salaries into the CIP vehicle account for the purchase of police vehicles. He added that there were funds available in the Body armor, hand gun replacement and traffic signal accounts to be transferred into the vehicle account as well.

Chief Stewart stated that this plan has the endorsement of the Board of Police Commissioners and represents an improvement in dispatching services and increased officer safety in both communication and transportation.

The unanimous consensus from the Board was in support of these transfers.

At this time, Mr. Bentz asked about the status of the sales tax audit. Mrs. Stevens replied that there has been no change. They are currently waiting on a court date.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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