



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: Bruce Cornwell, Chairman, William Kingston, Bryan Terzian, Cynthia McCorkindale, Robert Manfreda and Gary Regan. Timothy Draper arrived at 7:10. Also in attendance were First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: Bruce Cornwell called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Presentations- February 10, 2016, February 11, 2016, February 16, 2016, February 18, 2016 and February 22, 2016

Special Meetings- February 18, 2016, February 22, 2016

Budget Deliberations- February 29-March 1, 2016: William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of funding items through current year Capital Non-Recurring: Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale to fund the below items from the Capital Non-Recurring 2015 budget and proceed immediately. The total cost is \$187,203 leaving a balance of \$38,000 in the account.

430 Senior Center	Carpeting	\$12,468
435 Library	Storm Windows	\$10,550
	Basement Windows	\$1,485
360 Police	Department Firearms	\$12,000
320 SHFD	Door Training Prop	\$7,200
380 Parks & Recreation	Meckauer Basketball	\$9,500
	Fence Repair	\$7,500
	Johnson Backstop	\$11,500
	Rockwell Fence	\$15,000
450 Board of Education	Berry School Parking	\$100,000

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Vote, all in favor, motion approved unanimously.

Consideration of comments from Public Hearing- Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budgets/ Deliberations- Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budgets: Several members of the Board of Finance expressed concern with the financial strains the State of Connecticut is having and how it will affect the Town of Bethel, with some reservations about the future the Board of Finance as a whole supports the budget.

Chairman of Board of Education Larry Craybas expressed that he does not think the Board of Finance respects the time and effort the Board of Education put into presenting a solid budget. Timothy Draper responded that he does not agree and that the Board of Education is able to use the funds in the budget as they deem necessary. Bryan Terzian expressed concern that Mr. Craybas would feel that way and that he respects the work that the Board of Education does.

Break at 8:50

Resume at 8:58

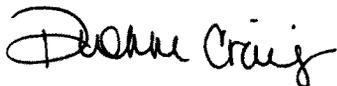
Review of long-term Capital plan items:

Cynthia McCorkindale presented copies of her emails and research regarding concern for the Carbon Monoxide System. Bruce Cornwell invited Director of Public Works Doug Arndt to present information on the Highway Garage Carbon Monoxide System. After his presentation he received questions from the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance thanked him for his time and appreciated the clarification that was given.

Billy Michaels said the Board of Finance did a good job on the budget but there should not have been any full time positions.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Bryan Terzian made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Dionne Craig, Recording Secretary