



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

TOWN OF BETHEL  
TOWN CLERK

Monday, September 21, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “B”

**Present:** J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, James Roden and John Dietter. Also in attendance was Barry Curina, Comptroller.

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes of August 10, 2009:** John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the minutes of August 10, 2009 with the addition of noting that the Board of Education, in addition to turning back \$142,000 to the town, also approved \$92,843 in year end purchases. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 1.) Comptroller's Report – Year end information - Update on FY 2008-2009 Budget Shortfall

Barry Curina, Comptroller was present at tonight's meeting. He reported that several items contributed to ending the FY 2008-2009 in the “black” at approximately \$135,000. He noted that approximately \$175,000 in delinquent taxes was collected in association with the recent tax sale; he commended the Tax Collector for her hard work in making this happen. He did report that this could be reviewed as a good news / bad news situation, in that the additional tax collections went towards satisfying the

shortfall for 2009-2009 year but that amount would not be reflected in the tax collections next year. He cautioned that we face the great unknown again this fiscal year as far as collections, revenue and interest are concerned.

2.) Update on Legislative Update – Section 19 of HB 6901:

J. Philip Gallagher advised that he has spoken with Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). Legislation had been passed that would permit municipalities to reduce their adopted budget appropriations up to the amount of funding Board of Education will receive directly from the stabilization portion of the federal stimulus act (ARRA).

Barry Curina, Comptroller advised that he has spoken with both Gary Chesley and Terri Yonksy about this matter; and he has been assured that when the monies arrive, the Board of Education will turn the funds over to the Town. The legislation was created in the event that Boards of Education in the state receive the money and don't turn the money back to their respective municipalities.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to keep this item on the agenda. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary