



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

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PRESENT: William Slifkin, Chairman, J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, James Roden and Gary Regan. Also in attendance was Comptroller Robert Kozlowski.

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

Review and approval of elderly tax relief: Tax Collector Ann Scacco was present at tonight's meeting for the annual review of the Elderly Tax Relief program. She advised that the State of Connecticut did not increase their top income bracket.

She also noted that the 315 people on the program equates to a \$436,912.17; this is just shy of the maximum amount allowed under the funding of the program. The ordinance reads that the total tax credits to be granted to all persons eligible under the program shall be limited to $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% of the entire town budget for the previous fiscal year. If income limits were increased then the credit received per person would be reduced proportionately; this would result in a reduced credit to those that are most in need.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to keep the same income levels as the current program. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

TABLES FOR FISCAL YEAR - JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

OVER	INCOME NOT EXCEEDING	CREDIT*
\$0	\$16,100.00	75%
\$16,101.00	\$21,700.00	60%
\$21,701.00	\$27,100.00	45%
\$27,101.00	\$32,300.00	30%
\$32,301.00	\$39,500.00	15%
\$39,501.00	\$48,000.00	10%

Comptroller's report

In response to J. Philip Gallagher's request, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski provided Board of Finance members, a per capital personal income by state, over a 10 year period. Connecticut income has risen steadily over the 10 year period. J. Philip Gallagher reported that sales tax from Bethel to the state has gone down over the last few years.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski provided an update on the storm clean-up costs. It was estimated that Bethel would have around 20,000 CY of debris, he noted that AshBritt Environmental (company who has the state storm clean-up contract) cost would have been \$30 CY + 10% management fee. Our town crews were supplemented with crews from Bridgeport and have been working continuously to clear the debris. It is estimated that the cost to have us do the storm cleanup ourselves will be around \$13.27 CY. Total storm costs anticipated after a 75% FEMA reimbursement is estimated to be around \$66,344. Currently the funds are coming from the Highway Department budget; Comptroller Robert Kozlowski will provide a breakdown of the costs, i.e. overtime, machine rental, etc.

Election of temporary chairman and vice chair for December meeting

J. Philip Gallagher offered that member Gary Regan remains the only officer of the Board of Finance and as such endorses him as the interim chairman for the December meeting.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'W' and 'S'.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary