



BOARD OF FINANCE

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AMENDED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT, Meeting Room A

Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

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Materials can be viewed at: <https://www.bethel-ct.gov/Zoom-Documents>

Present: Chairman Nicholas Ellis, , John Lennon, Will Duff, and Bobbi Jo Beers (joined at 7:02pm). Cynthia McCorkindale attended via Zoom.

Also present were: Comptroller; Brad Heering, Director of Public Works; Eric Swenson, Highway Superintendent; Bob Dibble, and Fleet Coordinator; Ed Hook

Absent: Bob Manfreda and Dalene Foster

Chairman Nick Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: Chairman Ellis referred to the correspondence in the packet provided to Board members of a memo from First selectman Carter re: Executive Sessions.

Consideration of approval of minutes for Board of Finance Regular Meeting on July 11, 2023:

Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by John Lennon, to approve the minutes for the Board of Finance Regular Meeting on July 11, 2023, as written. Vote all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval to purchase a replacement paramedic vehicle in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. (Approved by BOS on 7.18.2023) :

No action needed or taken as this is under the purview of the Board of Selectmen.

Consideration of approval to upfit the replacement paramedic vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$9600. (Approved by BOS on 7.18.2023)

No action needed or taken as this is under the purview of the Board of Selectmen.

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Consideration of approval of BVFD's request for \$1507.10 from CNR to replace the rope equipment (approved by BOS on 8.1.2023):

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bobbi Jo Beers, to approve the request from the BVFD for \$1507.10 from CNR to replace their rope equipment. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of BVFD's request for \$3428. from the EMS account of BVFD's ARPA funds for the clothing allotment (approved by BOS on 8.1.2023):

No action needed or taken as this is under the purview of the Board of Selectmen.

Consideration of approval to upfit 2 chassis in the amount of \$257,273. from CNR (approved by BOS on 8.1.2023):

Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by John Lennon, to approve \$257, 273. from CNR to upfit two chassis. Discussion ensued. Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, gave an overview of the request and answered questions from the Board. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of upgrade to the Evidence Room for State mandated gun storage at a cost not to exceed \$7000. (Approved by the BOS on 7.18.2023):

Motion made by Bobbi Jo Beers, and seconded by Will Duff, to approve the upgrade to the Evidence Room for State-mandated gun storage at a cost not to exceed \$7000. from CNR. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Discussion with Public Works Director regarding 2022-2023 budget overages:

Bob Dibble, Highway Superintendent, discussed the overage with the fleet maintenance account. Among other points, he stated a big factor is the price of parts increasing at a steady rapid rate. The trucks are old and need a lot of repairs to keep them running. Public Works Director, Eric Swenson, also added his comments. Discussion ensued.

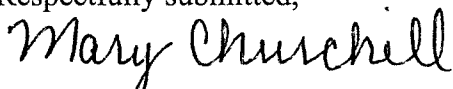
Comptroller's Report:

Comptroller Heering reviewed the report. 2022-2023 Budget re: Department overages were discussed. To prevent the overages in the future, Department Heads will meet with the First Selectman and Comptroller on a quarterly basis to review their budget, stressing the need for increased communication if and when issues with the budget occur. Motion made by Bobbi Jo Beers, and seconded by John Lennon, to accept the Comptroller's report as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by Bobbi Jo Beers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill, Recording Secretary