BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT, Meeting Room D

PRESENT: Chairperson Nicholas Ellis, John Lennon, Will Duff, Bob Manfreda, Bobbi Jo Beers (joined at 6:04pm), and Cynthia McCorkindale
Also present: First Selectman Carter and Comptroller, Brad Heering.

ABSENT: Dalene Foster

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance: Nick Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Correspondence: None

Consideration of approval of funding to purchase the Wells Fargo property at 159 Greenwood Avenue:
First Selectman Carter gave an overview of options for the Town of Bethel if 159 Greenwood Avenue were purchased by the Town. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Bob Manfreda, and seconded by Will Duff, for the Board of Finance to approve the request of the Board of Selectmen, and appropriate up to $1,600,000. for the purchase of 159 Greenwood Avenue and bring it to the Annual Town Budget Meeting, and if it passes there, to the budget referendum. Vote: John Lennon against, and all the rest of the members of the Board of Finance were in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of approval of funding to purchase of a ladder fire truck for SHFD:
First Selectman Carter gave an overview of where the Board of Selectmen are with the possible purchase of a ladder truck. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Cynthia McCorkindale, and seconded by John Lennon, to approve an amount not to exceed $1,800,000. to purchase a ladder truck and bring it to the Annual Town Budget Meeting. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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Consideration of approval to spend money from the Tax Stabilization Fund as revenue in FY 2024 – 2025 budget:
Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by John Lennon, to use $500,000. from the Tax Stabilization Fund as revenue in the FY 2024 – 2025 budget and bring it to the Annual Town Meeting. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bob Manfreda, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Churchill
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Recording Secretary