

**Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Tuesday September 25, 2007
Norma Drummer Room
7:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Michele Pavlik, Al Yagovane, Bill Kovacs, Trish Danka, Kurt Miller, Jim Simpson, Bill Paecht

Members Absent:

Others Present: Doug Thomas, Frank Loda, Melanie Kalako, Howard Simpson, Rhonda Geffert, Rick Belden, Bruce Baker, Mary Ann Mascolo

Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Trish Danka

Seating of Alternates

Kurt Miller was appointed to finish out the term that Paul Rosebrock was serving.

Public Comment

No action taken.

First Selectman Comment:

First Selectman reported that asphaltting is near completion, line painting is being done on the streets in the evening hours, parking spots are being painted on Main Street, and 2 hour parking limit signs will be posted. First Selectman reported that the air conditioning for the library is out to bid, the senior center van is out to bid, Great Hill rescue truck is out to bid.

Michele questioned if the Dog Pound was opened yet and First Selectman reported yes it is open and running and that a dedication will be held and the sign will be posted up there soon.

Motion Kurt Miller

Second: Michele Pavlik

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Transfers

Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 for the Castles in the Park project from the Contingency Acct# 10014101950530872 into Castles in the Park acct # 10014101950530862 to help Castles in the Park complete renovations. Any unused money will be returned to the Town.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Al Yagovane

Vote: 5-Yes

1-No(MP)

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Motion to transfer \$550.00 for Planning & Zoning from the Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 and \$500.00 into Regular Salary acct # 10014101110410110 and \$50.00 into Social Security acct # 10014101550410220 to cover salary increase of 2.99% for Art Baldwin who is non-union.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Al Yagovane

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion Carries.

Motion to transfer \$1,891.00 for the Office of Compliance from the Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 and \$1,015.00 into Salary Director acct # 10014202400565101 and \$740.00 into Salary Regular acct # 10014202400565110 and \$136.00 in Social Security acct # 10014101550565220 to cover 2.99% salary increase for Joseph Raiola and Walter Woods who are non-union.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Al Yagovane
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion Carries

Motion to transfer \$1,631.00 for Elderly Services from the Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 and \$1,515.00 into Salary Part-time acct # 10014404432615120 and \$116.00 into Social Security acct # 10014101550615220 to cover a \$1.00 per hour raise for the part-time bus driver.

Motion: Michele Pavlik Second: Al Yagovane
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion Carries

Motion to transfer for the Board of Finance \$200.00 from Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 into Board Secretary Fees acct # 10014101120415125 to correct budgeted secretary fees.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Al Yagovane
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion Carries

Motion to transfer \$10,940.00 from the Contingency acct # 10014101950530872 into Cherry Street Retaining Wall acct # 10014101950530861 to cover excess cost of awarded contractor bid price and cost of engineering expense and inspection fees for the Cherry Street Retaining Wall project.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Al Yagovane
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify
Motion Carries

Correspondence

Copy of Paul Rosebrock resignation, Kurt Miller's appointment letter, letter from Castles in the Park thanking the board for the money that was transferred for the park.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of September 25, 2007 meeting.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Michele Pavlik
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 2-Abstain (K.M./J.S.) 0-Disqualify
Motion Carries.

Financial Reports:

Doug reported that all numbers are in and are being handed over to the auditors. Oxford tuition was received, expenditure reports.

Other Business

- A. BOE Internal Changes: Rick Belden and Mary Ann Mascolo handed out informational packets to members of the BOF to go over salary increases for administrators. Mary Ann thanked Trish for inviting them to the board meeting and be given the chance to address the questions any members have. Mary Ann reported that money was saved on the administrator's contract because no attorneys were used and there were no major changes made. Each year administrators will be given a 3% salary increase in 08/09,09/10,10/11. Special education teacher will be given an additional 2.5%. The**

number of positions has been reduced over the years. Comparisons were made to area towns on the median salaries. There are no performance raises given at this time to teachers, just a flat rate contractual raise. Teachers are evaluated yearly by the Superintendent.

Michele thanked Mary Ann for coming but questioned the impact financially these raises would have on the town and was told that if contract goes to negotiations they take into consideration fund balance as an ability to pay. In the long term money was saved by signing of a contract which she felt was fair to the administrators and the town.

Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Bill Kovacs

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Second: Al Yagovane

Motion Carries.

**Christine Battis
Recording Secretary**