



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Room "A" – Meeting Room "A"

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PRESENT: William Kingston, Chairman, J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: William Kingston called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Minutes of August 8, 2012: Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. J. Phillip Gallagher abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting.

Comptroller's Report: Comptroller Robert Kozlowski reported on the recent Fitch review; they reaffirmed Bethel's AA+ rating. One of the items discussed with Fitch representatives is the segregation of funds for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits). Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that the Board of Education segregated funds from their unexpended year end funds towards their future OPEB liability. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski noted that Fitch would look for a pledge from the town to adopt a policy or have a commitment to fund at least 100% of the actuarially recommended contribution for the pension plans and an indication that if there is the ability to pay more than the actuarially recommended contribution, that the town would do so to reduce the unfunded liability.

Consideration of recommendation from Board of Selectmen – replacement of flat bed body – Parks & Recreation 2004 Pick-up truck

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to concur with the Board of Selectmen to replacement the flat bed body of the 2004 Parks &

Recreation Pickup truck in the amount of \$6,533 funding of which would come from the Capital Non-Recurring Account. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Consideration of recommendation from Board of Selectmen – additional appropriation – Tennis Court Replacement Project:

The Tennis Court replacement project was approved at the Annual Town Meeting for \$167,950. The first time it was bid, the bids came in very high and it was subsequently rebid and bids came in lower.

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to approve the Board of Selectmen recommendation for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,950, for the Tennis Court Replacement Project, funding of which would come from the Capital Non-Recurring Account. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston, and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion. Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that with the funding of these two items, there is approximately \$17 left in the capital non-recurring account. This item will go before a Special Town Meeting on October 16th.

Consideration of recommendation from Board of Selectmen – Middle School Boiler

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that at the Annual Town Meeting on May 7, 2012 and its related subsequent referendum passing, an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 was approved for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System. For several different reasons, this project estimate is not nearly enough to accomplish the project; therefore, he is recommending that the \$50,000 be used, instead to fund the Middle School Boiler. One of the boilers had “cracked” and the one that remains, will not heat the building by itself. The Board of Selectmen recently waived the bidding process in order to expedite the repairs due to the upcoming heating season. The request will go before a Special Town Meeting on October 16th.

Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to approve the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$36,340 for the replacement of a BMS boiler, funds to come from a previously approved and unexpended appropriation for the Municipal Center Gymnasium Heat and Hot Water System and will be financed by short term notes and/or bonds (as previously approved at the Annual town Meeting).

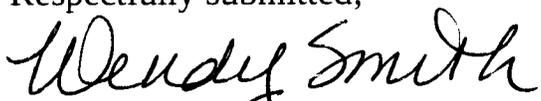
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Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. J. Phillip Gallagher, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

J. Phillip Gallagher advised that he is not in favor of the funding source recommended; he thinks the funding should come from the 460 Account.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary