



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

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Monday, March 10, 2008

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, William Britt, William Slifkin and James Roden.

Call to order: J. Philip Gallagher called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes of January 14, 2008: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 11, 2008: William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 13, 2008: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 19, 2008: William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 21, 2008: William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 25, 2008: J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the minutes with the following addition: *“Mr. Gallagher asked the Board of Education to review how money is being spent in the Summer School program. The Board of Finance was also surprised to learn that the Board of Education has paid over a quarter million dollars at the rate of \$27,712 per year to a former school employee over the last decade”*. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of March 3, 2008: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the minutes with the following correction: *William Slifkin had abstained from the vote on Account 380 – Parks & Recreation, and both William Slifkin and James Roden voted “No” on Account 350 – Board of Education*. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Establish date for Public Hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget:

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to establish a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Middle School on the proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

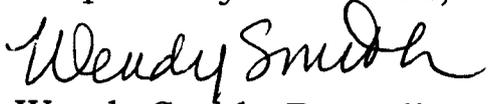
2.) Consideration of Tax Collector’s request for Suspense Authorization:

Ann Scacco, Tax Collector was in attendance at tonight’s meeting to present the Suspense List. She explained that putting items into suspense does not mean that they are uncollectible. Mrs. Scacco noted that by transferring these accounts to suspense, it will remove them from consideration as assets to the town, but will remain a liability of the person against whom it was levied. She works with a collection agency who continues to pursue the amounts owed. The town pays a 3% fee.

William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to approve the Tax Collector’s suspense list, dated March 6, 2008 in the amount of \$181,727.38

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary