



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

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TOWN OF BETHEL
TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Also in attendance was Barry Curina, Comptroller.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: J. Philip Gallagher called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Barry Curina, Comptroller presented correspondence regarding the town bond rating; recently two presentations were made to the rating agencies. Bethel maintains the highest rating in the BANS (bond anticipation notes) and an AA rating.

Minutes of September 21, 2009: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of September 23, 2009: William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Consideration of year-end (2008-2009) transfers.

Barry Curina, Comptroller was present at tonight's meeting and presented a list of transfers, as follows:

ACCOUNT		FROM	TO
100-201	SELECTMEN	2,664.00	
130-305	TOWN CLERK	10,219.00	

140-201	ASSESSOR	1,535.00	
150-201	TAX ASSESSOR	2,836.00	
180-301	BUILDING DEPARTMENT	4,214.00	
200-201	SOCIAL SERVICES	2,138.00	
220-206	FLEET MAINTENANCE	5,205.00	
230-201	PUBLIC WORKS	12,052.00	
230-301	PUBLIC WORKS	1,932.00	
230-301	PUBLIC WORKS	16,023.00	
240-313	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	25,771.00	
250-301	PLANNING AND ZONING	1,647.00	
260-405	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	31,204.00	
270-314	TREE WARDEN	899.00	
290-201	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	5,168.00	
290-403	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	11,217.00	
300-313	FIRE MARSHAL	5,283.00	
310-202	BETHEL FIRE	13,615.00	
310-207	BETHEL FIRE	6,960.00	
310-208	BETHEL FIRE	12,419.00	
310-301	BETHEL FIRE	16,143.00	
310-306	BETHEL FIRE	7,153.00	
310-403	BETHEL FIRE	16,776.00	
320-202	STONY HILL FIRE	10,845.00	
320-207	STONY HILL FIRE	1,802.00	
320-208	STONY HILL FIRE	331.00	
320-301	STONY HILL FIRE	2,010.00	
320-306	STONY HILL FIRE	5,756.00	
320-403	STONY HILL FIRE	9,354.00	
330-201	REGISTRARS OF VOTERS	11,003.00	
350-313	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	20,389.00	
360-306	POLICE DEPARTMENT	2,506.00	
380-405	PARKS AND RECREATION	8,324.00	
410-322	UTILITIES & OTHER CHARGES	20,838.00	
420-353	WAGE CONTINGENCY	82,769.00	
435-212	LIBRARY	78.00	
440-611	DEBT SERVICE	10,533.00	
450-701	BOARD OF EDUCATION	159,638.00	
460-406	EDUCATION MAINTENANCE	29,693.00	
420-350	CONTINGENCY	588,942.00	588,942.00
420-350	CONTINGENCY	132,208.00	
110-201	TREASURER		414.00
120-201	FINANCE		629.00
160-352	LITIGATION		16,833.00
170-201	PROBATE		1,685.00
190-313	DATA PROCESSING		58,437.00
210-331	TOWN INSURANCE		24,140.00
340-505	BOARDS AND COMMISIONS		588.00

390-114	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		3,471.00
405-366	INTRA GOV'T SUBSIDIES		23,319.00
430-317	SENIOR CENTER		2,692.00
TOTALS			132,208.00

He reiterated that the town was able to survive the projected shortfall by several methods, including the tax sale and freezes to the town departments.

William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to approve the transfers as requested by the Comptroller. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

2.) Consideration of report from Finance Sub-committee

The Sub-Committee had met on September 23, 2009 to discuss several avenues to explore which could perhaps save money for the town by having the town and education combine purchasing power. Of the most significant of savings, they believe would be the fuel oil and medical insurance. It was agreed to look into this further. Barry Curina, Comptroller also mentioned the probable savings by switching to a Health Savings Account; this would also have to be investigated further.

3.) Consideration of Legislative Update – Section 19 of HB-6901

Barry Curina, Comptroller noted that no funds have been received yet from the federal government and State of Connecticut.

4.) Consideration of budget information for 2010-2011

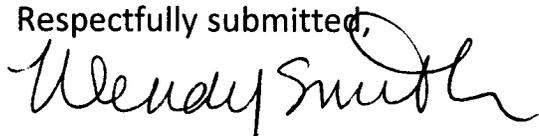
J. Philip Gallagher offered that annually, he sends letters to the First Selectman and Board of Education Chairman, requesting W2's, 1099's, Strategic Student Profiles and the ED001.

James Roden made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to request that the Board of Education prepare a simple spreadsheet consolidating the various components of their budget for use by the Board of Finance for budget deliberations. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

The Board of Finance thanked William Britt for his 8 years of service to the Town of Bethel as a member of the Board of Finance.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary