

RESCHEDULED

BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011 Rescheduled from Thursday, April 21, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the Finance Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins, and Wendy Schnip. Absent: Karen Collins and Kate Tiffany. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Treasurer Jeannette Deschamps, Debra Salvas and Jim Salvas.

1. Public Comment

None.

The Board agreed to move to Items #4, #5, and #6 and return to Item #2 and remaining items.

2. Review and act on minutes of March 17, 2011 monthly meeting, March 24 and April 12, 2011 special meetings

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve minutes of March 17 monthly meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve minutes of March 24 special meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve minutes of April 12 special meeting. Unanimously approved.

3. Monthly Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Expenditure reports

Monthly reports were reviewed.

4. Discuss and possibly act on the Tax Collector's request to eliminate the tax amount due on a foreclosed property

Motion made by W. Schnip to authorize the Tax Collector to eliminate from the tax system the tax amount due in the amount of \$2,253.42 for property previously owned by Bruce Orbe, Parkwood Road. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

5. Discuss and possibly act on treasurer and bookkeeper financing

Motion made by W. Schnip to reduce responsibilities of the Treasurer and create a part-time bookkeeper position. To be phased in over the fiscal year. Seconded by G. Cheney. This would replace the accountant. Unanimously approved.

6. Discuss and possibly act on town auditor

Discussion of interviews that had been held with four applicants.

Motion made by J. Lumpkins to appoint Albert Rusilowicz as town auditor pending a background check. Seconded by G. Cheney. Unanimously approved.

7. Review, discuss and possibly act on the 2011-12 overall town budget

After discussion, adjustments were made on the budget.

Discussion on Baltic Fire Department ambulance replacement. Discussion on Board of Education's resubmitted budget.

Discussion on whether or not to make more decreases or present budget as is to the town. Discussion on media tactics. C. Osten suggested to the Board more changes.

J. Lumpkins suggested there be more revenue enhancements for next year's budget and going forward.

C. Osten to try to get final numbers on insurance tomorrow.

Motion made by J. Lumpkins to recommend to the town the 2011-12 Total Budget of up to \$8,651,053 with \$2,657,316 for the Town and \$5,993,737 for the Board of Education. Seconded by G. Cheney. Approved 3-1. W. Schnip opposed.

Budget Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center. BOF rescheduled their monthly meeting to Thursday, May 26.

Reductions expected in Insurance (line item 6500) and changes in Accounting (line item 6011-2) and Treasurer Salary (line item 6030-1) expenditures.

8. First Selectman's Report

C. Osten mentioned a tax sale to occur on June 17.

Reported on tax revenues. Heat deliveries were stopped. 150th donations were discussed.

9. Old Business Update

Discussed 150th Anniversary expenditures.

10. Public Comment

Debra Salvas commented she understands spreading out road management repairs, but has been waiting for Pautipaug Hill Road repairs. (The Board actually did not spread out road management repairs but left them as submitted.) She suggested looking into having the Country Club assist in funding road repairs to Pautipaug Hill Road. C. Osten stated they are doing Dows Lane renovations. D. Salvas agreed with some members of the Board to not reduce services in town and agreed on education expenditure reductions.

11. Any other business proper to come before said meeting

None.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.