

Approved 3-11-15

**BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES
February 11, 2015**

I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman R. Sulich.
Members present: R. Sulich, R. Droesch, E. Chalfant, D. Norell, P. Tracey, H. Tuttle
Members absent: None
Alternates present: L. Pecoraro
Alternates absent: S. Pelletier, A. Fritzsche

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Establishment of Quorum – Chairman R. Sulich asked that the alternates feel free to speak up.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2015 - Approved

V. Written Communications / Correspondence – Letter received from the Board of Selectmen to be discussed under New Business. Letter received from the auditors concerning the grand list total.

VI. Public Comment – None.

R. Tuttle arrived at 7:07 pm and assumed his position as a regular voting member.

VII. Old Business

1. Treasurer's Report – R. Droesch asked if the additional appropriation request for unemployment had been approved at a Town meeting. First Selectman R. Piper indicated it had.

VIII. New Business

1. Request by Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #605 – Data Processing.

E. Chalfant made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #605 – Data Processing. Second by R. Droesch.

Vote: No Vote – Motion amended.

R. Piper explained that there have been numerous issues with the Town computers, affecting many areas, including the main computer for tax collection and receipting. In addition, the server has the backup and hard drive on the same system. R. Piper stated that he is working on obtaining an external hard drive which can be switched out on a weekly basis, so that in the

event something happens, only a week's worth of data would be affected. The C.I.P. budget has \$15,000 for upgrading in 2015-2016 budget. E. Chalfant asked if \$10,000.00 would be enough to cover the expense and R. Piper said he would be fine with the Board setting a larger amount.

R. Sulich made a motion to amend the previous motion to increase the additional appropriation request to \$19,999.00 to line item #605 – Data Processing. Second by P. Tracey.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / D. Norell / R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / P. Tracey / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

R. Sulich made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$19,999.00 to line item #605 – Data Processing. Second by P. Tracey.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / D. Norell / R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / P. Tracey / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

2. Request by Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to line item #1615 – Public Works Director Overtime.

R. Droesch made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to line item #1615 – Public Works Director Overtime. Second by P. Tracey.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / D. Norell / R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / P. Tracey / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

R. Piper said that this amount is based on last year's request for an additional appropriation amount. D. Norell asked why the request is \$5,000.00 for one person and \$10,000.00 for four people. L. Pecoraro stated that the public works line item still has a balance. R. Piper explained that the State Police call both him and the foreman when they feel the roads need attention and the foreman is the first one out to check the roads and then decide if the whole town crew is needed. R. Piper also stated that there is a policy in effect that all overtime has to be authorized by his office. R. Sulich asked if the foreman is part of the union and R. Piper indicated that he is.

3. Request by Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #1617 – Public Works Crew Overtime.

E. Chalfant made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 to line item #1617 – Public Works Crew Overtime. Second by R. Droesch.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / D. Norell / R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / P. Tracey / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

R. Piper indicated that Tolland, New London, and Windham Counties are putting together a request to FEMA for reimbursement. Canterbury has submitted a bill for \$38,500.00 for a 48-hour period. If approved, the Town will received seventy-five (75%) percent of that amount, although it could take a year before the funds are received.

R. Sulich asked if there was any word from the State concerning cuts to be made in Town aid. R. Piper said that he did not have any specific information yet. R. Droesch pointed out that the Town had received twenty-five (25%) percent more than budgeted last year for Town Road Aid.

IX. Adjournment –

P. Tracey made a motion at 7:25 pm to adjourn. Second by H. Tuttle.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / D. Norell / R. Droesch / E. Chalfant / P. Tracey / H. Tuttle

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A. Bissonnette
Recording Secretary