

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
P.O. BOX 308
SOMERS, CT 06071**

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2010
TOWN HALL – 7:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, James Persano called the regular meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:02 pm. Members George Warner, Stephen Krasinski, Thomas Mazzoli, and Michael Parker were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Board of Education representative Bill Boutwell, and Finance Director Greg Simmons.

II. SELECTMAN UPDATE:

Ms. Pellegrini mentioned the new budget, which is due out in February or March. She has charged her staff with identifying further ways to reduce costs.

Ms. Pellegrini updated the Board on the \$11,400 Storm Violation fine previously assessed by the DEP. As a result of earlier discussions with the DEP, it has been agreed that the Town will clean-up the Kibbe Fuller Building in lieu of the fine.

Mr. Mazzoli requested an update on the prospective new ambulance for the Town. Ms. Pellegrini stated that no purchase has been made; it will be addressed at the next CIP meeting. Mr. Simmons stated the approximate cost of a new ambulance at \$200,000; and that CIP funds are only allocated to existing leases.

Ms. Pellegrini addressed the \$250,000 fee previously assessed by MIRMA, the Town's workmen's compensation carrier. The fine would be due in June of 2010; with an ability to pay in installments with a 4 ½ to 5% interest rate. She still has not received a letter from MIRMA. She mentioned CIRMA, as an alternative carrier, and is in the process of gathering information for the Board to review.

Regarding Sunset Drive, Ms. Pellegrini told the Board that she is currently trying to get on the State's Bond Agenda and is hopeful for the February meeting. Jim Botellio, chairman of the WPCA Commission, authorized an additional \$6,000 expenditure to Ward Engineering, in order to get the project shovel-ready and out to bid. He'd mentioned the additional funds would be reimbursed by the State. A discussion followed as to the likelihood of that reimbursement.

III. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:

Bill Boutwell stated no new changes to the 2009-2010 budget. It is expected that the Board of Education will approve the 2010-2011 budget on February 8th.

Mr. Krasinski asked for an update on the ECS grant and previously proposed reductions to the Board of Education budget. Mr. Boutwell responded that that on March 1st, the Board of Education will deliver

the Town's grant submission. The reimbursement rate is still to be determined by the State. He also explained that the budget had been reduced by 23%, approximately \$150,000.

Mr. Boutwell brought up the Board of Finance's 2010 calendar of regular meetings and asked that they be moved to the 4th Monday of the month.

A motion was made by Mr. Warner to adopt the change of BOF meeting dates to the 4th Monday of each month; seconded Mr. Parker, and unanimously approved.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL :

a. November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Parker to approve the 11/23/09 Minutes as written; seconded Mr. Warner, and unanimously approved.

b. January 4, 2010 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Persano to approve the 01/04/10 Minutes as written; seconded Mr. Mazzoli, and unanimously approved.

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was presented for discussion.

VI. BILLS, TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS:

Mr. Persano presented a transfer request for \$100.00 from Tax Department Postage to QDS Computer Services.

A motion was made by Mr. Krasinski to approve the transfer; seconded Mr. Warner, and unanimously approved.

VII. OTHER:

No items or issues were presented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Persano to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Warner, and unanimously voted to adjourn the January 25, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

, Secretary

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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