

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present via Zoom

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Michael Cammarota
Tom Garben
Jane Landers
Cheryl Reedy
Anthony Yorio
Brian Shea, Alternate
Mark Werner, Alternate
Greg Williams, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief
Mike Gill, Fire Dept.

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

BOE Network Administrator Paul Gouveia gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Chairman Wes Marsh announced that tax bills will be mailed on June 25th. The last day to pay without penalty is Monday, August 3rd. Payments can be made by mailing to Town Hall, using the drop box at Town Hall, paying on-line or paying in person at the New Fairfield branches of Union Savings Bank or Savings Bank of Danbury. In person payments at Town Hall are strongly discouraged but if that is the only option, taxpayers will need to call the Tax Collection office and make an appointment.

Public Comment-None

Approval of Minutes

Michael Cammarota made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Status of CIRMA insurance claim concerning well testing required by DEEP

Finance Director Ed Sbordone spoke of a claim that was submitted to CIRMA for the testing of wells that was required by DEEP after the Fire Department inadvertently used the wrong firefighter foam on a property in town. This claim is being investigated by CIRMA and they are working with the Fire Department on getting details. It was noted that the deduction for pollution is \$75,000 per incident so any money recovered will be put towards the deductible.

Bruce Taylor and Mike Gill from the Fire Department noted that they met with Health Director Tim Simpkins and it was indicated that this test would most likely be the only test required for this incident. They also noted that the property owner of this building was required to pay for other testing related to this incident.

Budget transfers concerning New Fairfield Fire Department contract to pay for sample testing of wells required by DEEP

Wes Marsh spoke of a transfer that was approved at the May 20, 2020 BOF meeting. Although the transfer that was approved was for the correct amount, the discussion at the May 20th meeting referred to a different amount and there was some confusion.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco noted that this \$4,500 was paid to start the work on this project. The balance of \$4,740 will be paid once the work is complete. Cheryl Reedy asked that if there is any insurance money recovered on this claim that it be returned to the Fire Department.

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to confirm the following Inter-Departmental transfer made at the May 20, 2020 meeting in the amount of \$9,240.00 because this is the amount needed for fiscal year 2019-2020. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$2,400.00	4220/290.1	Fire Company-Physicals	\$9,240.00	4410/344.00	Health Dept.-Water Tests (For Testing and Monitoring)
\$6,840.00	4220/322.00	Fire Companies-Education and Training			
\$9,240.00			\$9,240.00		

Public Comment- None

Future Agenda items

Wes Marsh noted that the following will be discussed at the July 15th regular meeting:

- Auditor’s engagement letter
- Medical Plan
- Possibility of creating additional subcommittees – Mark Werner volunteered to serve on the long term debt subcommittee.

Board Member Comments

Members of the BOF wished everyone a wonderful summer and encouraged everyone to stay safe and practice social distancing.

Cheryl Reedy announced that there will be a “Black Lives Matter” rally on Memorial Field at 4 pm on Saturday, June 27th with a rain date of Sunday, June 28th. Participants are asked to wear a mask and socially distance from other participants.

Adjournment

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. Tom Garben seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)