

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Liz Smith Mao, Chair; Jon Zagrodzky, Jamie McLaughlin, Frank Huck,
Bruce Orr, Diana McGuire, David Lopiano

STAFF: Kate Buch, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mao called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

**TRANSFERS UNDER \$5,000:
POLICE DEPARTMENT \$2,690 AMMUNITION (BOS 1/12/15)**

Police Lt. John Lawlor joined the meeting to present the department's request for a transfer from Police Administrative and Professional Services to cover the purchase of additional ammunition, which will be used to support the training of three new police officers.

The transfer is needed because of regulations that now require more environmentally friendly ("frangible") ammunition for training. The additional expense was not anticipated in this year's budget, but there are sufficient funds in the Administrative and Professional Services account to cover it.

- ** MR. LOPIANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER
- ** MR. ORR SECONDED THE MOTION
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

Ms. Mao announced that Ms. Mogenson resigned from the BOF. She thanked Ms. Mogenson for her service to Darien over the last 7 years.

Ms. Mao reminded the Board that the Town Charter allows the Board to appoint an interim replacement for any member who resigns, as long as the replacement is from the same political party. She indicated that the Democratic Town Committee had interviewed and recommended Diana Maguire for appointment. Ms. Maguire was present and provided an overview of her

background and interest in the role. Jon Zagrodzky mentioned that he and Jamie McLaughlin had met with Ms. Maguire to describe the Board's work and answer her questions.

- ** MR. HUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. MCGUIRE TO THE DARIEN BOARD OF FINANCE**
- ** MR. LOPIANO SECONDED THE MOTION**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ms. Mao then invited Ms. McGuire to join the Board on the dais but indicated that she could not vote on Board business until she was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Buch reviewed the Financial Report. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Police Overtime budget.

MINUTES

Due to time constraints, the Board decided to table the approval of last month's minutes until the next meeting.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Mao and Mr. Huck have been supporting renegotiation of the teacher's contract. They noted that Darien Education Association and the Board of Education had come to an agreement, and they summarized the terms. After some discussion, Ms. Mao asked for a Sense of the Board resolution supporting approval of the contract.

- ** MR. ORR MOVED TO SUPPORT THE CONTRACT**
- ** MR. ZAGRODZKY SECONDED THE MOTION**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCUSSION OF FY 2016 BUDGET

The Board discussed the Superintendent's Proposed Budget. Mr. Orr stressed the importance of keeping the increase under four percent and of continued good continued fiscal management. Regarding potential building expansion, Mr. McLaughlin indicated that the favorable interest rate environment will not continue forever, and that if enrollment projections suggest a need for building expansion, the time to borrow for and execute these projects is now.

The Board briefly discussed budget assignments. Ms. Mao distributed a draft with last year's assignments, updated to show this year's dates. Ms. Mao asked that everyone look over the assignments and let her know of any suggested changes.

The meeting was recessed at 7:25 pm to allow the members to move to the Board of Education Offices to receive the proposed FY 16 budget from the Board of Education. At 7:35 pm, the meeting reconvened. Members discussed the FY 16 budget with the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Jon Zagrodzky, which was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
David Lopiano, Clerk

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