

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: Liz Mao, Chair; Dave Lopiano, Jon Zagrodzky, Jamie McLaughlin, Gwen Mogenson, Frank Huck

ABSENT: Bruce Orr

STAFF: Kate Clarke Buch, Finance Director, Ed Gentile, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER.

Ms. Mao called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Ms. Mao announced that the first order of business was the election of officers and that she was turning the chairmanship of this portion of the meeting over to Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. McLaughlin opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

**** MR. ZAGRODZKY NOMINATED MS. MAO AS CHAIR
** MS. MOGENSEN SECONDED.**

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE MS. MAO AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. McLaughlin opened the floor for nomination for Vice Chair.

**** MS. MOGENSEN NOMINATED JON ZAGRODZKY AS VICE CHAIR.
** MS. MAO SECONDED.**

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. ZAGRODZKY AS VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. McLaughlin then opened the floor for nomination for Board Clerk.

**** MS. MAO NOMINATED MR. LOPIANO AS CLERK.
** MR. ZAGRODZKY SECONDED.**

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE MR. LOPIANO AS CLERK OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. McLaughlin adjourned the temporary election portion of the meeting and Ms. Mao resumed the chairmanship.

TRANSFERS OVER \$5,000.

FROM:			TO:		
Acc Number	Account Name	Amount	Acc Number	Account Name	Amount
34848014-84025	Capital Projects	\$40,000	TBD	Surveillance Cameras	\$40,000

Mr. Gentile, the Director of Public Works, came forward to present the request for the transfer. He passed around his phone, which was giving a live feed from Greens Farms train station. Mr. Gentile was asked why security was needed at the stations. He explained that there had been numerous incidents of vandalism to vehicles.

Mr. Gentile was asked for the record, why this request seemed out of cycle. First Selectman Stevenson came forward and said that she had been passionate about cameras at the train stations since the tragic death of a gentleman on the station platform. There has been a significant history of vandalism of the vehicles at the stations and would be a safety feature. The equipment is easy to install and expandable.

Discussion followed regarding the details including areas covered by the camera, privacy, monitoring responsibilities.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Ms. Buch then updated the Board on the financial issues. She said that the patrol overtime was increasing. The department just had a retirement and an officer will be going to the academy. Fleet maintenance is over budget. She said that this had traditionally been under budgeted. Discussion followed.

FIVE YEAR FORECAST.

Ms. Mao said that the Committee has not yet finalized this forecast. She reminded everyone that the State of the Town would be in December and would address the RTM concerns expressed in the spring.

Ms. Mao explained that the projected enrollment numbers will be updated as a result of the Milone & McBroom report which is in progress. She said that the parents had been concerned about the class sizes. A discussion on forecasting followed.

Ms. Buch pointed out the 2.2% inflation rate, the grand list and the growth rate would be of particular interest. Discussion followed on the details of the overall budget projections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting.

**** MR. MCLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2014 REGULAR MEETING.**

**** MR. LOPIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2014 REGULAR MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

October 08, 2014 Special Meeting.

**** MR. HUCK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 08, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**** MR. LOPIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 08, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING PASSED WITH FOUR IN FAVOR (HUCK, LOPIANO, MCLAUGHLIN AND ZAGRODZKY) AND TWO ABSTENTIONS (MAO AND MOGENSON).**

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT/COMMITTEE REPORTS.

There will be a special meeting of the BOF at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. It was noted that the time was incorrect on the website. Ms. Mao reviewed the procedure for the presentation on the agenda with everyone. Ms. Mao thanked Mr. Zagrodzky for the presentation. Mr. McLaughlin said that for the record, he would like to confirm that the Board would be discussing the issue and then allow public comment. Discussion followed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

Ms. Mao said that the key points of her report had already been covered. She said that she was working on the State of the Town meeting

OTHER BUSINESS.
(Requires a 2/3rds Vote)

**** MR. ZAGRODZKY MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM REGARDING THE HOYT STREET PROPERTY TO THE AGENDA.**

**** MR. MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Mao said that this had to do with the amendment by the RTM regarding the purchase of the Hoyt Street property. The RTM approval includes a condition requiring the demolition of current Hoyt Street residence. Atty. Fox requested that the Board of Finance approve this item again with the new amendment.

**** MR. MCLAUGHLIN MOVED TO AFFIRM THE BOF'S RESOLUTION REGARDING THE HOYT STREET PROPERTY AS AMENDED BY THE RTM.**

**** MR. LOPIANO SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT.

**** MR. ZAGRODZKY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** Ms. MOGENSON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Lopiano
Board of Finance Clerk

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