

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on November 17, 2010 in the Meeting Room of Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

Members Attending: Barbara McGrath, Charles Pennewill, Anita Sebestyen, Jay Handfield, Leo Santucci, Jeffrey Smith

Chairman, Barbara McGrath called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public comment

Lori Jeffers voiced her support for the purchase of the ambulance.

Approval of meeting minutes

Upon a motion by Jay Handfield, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to approve the meeting minutes from October 17, 2010.

The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation from the Collector of Revenues

The Collector of Revenues stated that the department expects to make the amounts budgeted but this year is especially difficult given the delay in sending out the bills and the adjustments that were required. She will provide an update next month.

Presentation from Holdsworth Collection Services regarding Ambulance collections

The President of Holdsworth Pelton, Bob Holdsworth, presented a recap of the last two fiscal years of collections. Reasons for low collection rates are primarily due to poor reimbursement demographics and the rates allowed by Medicare and Medicaid which are significantly lower than the state approved rates.

Changes resulting from the federal healthcare plan may further erode our collections.

Discussion and possible action to recommend the purchase of an ambulance to the Town Council

Upon a motion by Jeffrey Smith, seconded by Jay Handfield to approve the recommendation to the Town Council of the acquisition of a third ambulance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Town Controller's Report

The controller presented information on the budgets for the Town, Willimantic Service District and Magnet School. No significant changes from the previous month were noted.

It was noted that a letter of extension for the completion of the Town audit would be filed.

The Town is in the process of assembling billing information concerning the recent train derailment.

It was reported that the Town Manager is seeking a zero dollar growth in department budgets as we begin next years budget process in an effort to limit any tax increase resulting from loss of State revenues.

Discussion and possible action on any General Government 2010-2011 budget transfer requests

There were no transfer requests.

Discussion and possible action on any Willimantic Service District 2010-2011 budget transfer requests

There were no transfer requests.

Discussion and possible action to approve the meeting schedule for 2011

Upon a motion by Jay Handfield, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to approve the following meeting schedule for 2011:

Wednesday, January 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 15, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, October 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, December 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Windham Town Hall Meeting Room

The motion passed unanimously.

Any other business appropriate to come before the BOF

Upon a motion by Jay Handfield, seconded by Charles Pennewill to authorize \$37,000 from the ambulance fund to be used for the purchase of Equipment and services needed to complete the fire dispatch software installation.

The motion passed unanimously.

The board Chair noted that copies of the following memos were received:

From Ken Folan, Board of Education chair to State Education Commissioner Mark McQuillan, dated 10/21/2010;

From Ken Folan, Board of Education chair to Town Manager Neal Beets, dated 11/01/2010.

Leo Santucci noted that the Town endorsed a proposal from Direct Energy which provides attractive electricity rates for residents. They can get more information by contacting them at 1-866-803-4618 or visit www.directenergy.com use promo code windhamct.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion by Jay Handfield, seconded by Anita Sebestyen the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest: _____
Tom Pesce, Controller