

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on **December 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Bellingham Auditorium at Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226**

Members Attending: Thomas White, Anita Sebestyen, Tyler Griffin, Ken Folan, Kevin Donohue, and Glenn Chester

### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Thomas White called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **2. Public Comment**

Henry Crane commented on the cell block improvements and the privacy for kids that are arrested.

### **3. Board of Finance Comment**

Anita Sebestyen commented the Board of Finance has worked diligently to put funds in the undesignated fund balance. Some of the projects being done are approved without knowing where the funds are coming from.

### **5. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Glenn Chester, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to approve the meeting minutes from November 18, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **6. Chair's Report**

Thomas White commented he is adding a presentation from WRCC under agenda item number 7. There was no mention from the Town Council as to where the funds would be coming from.

### **7. Presentations and Special Reports**

Presentation from Jeffrey Beadle of WRCC

Jeffrey Beadle from WRCC gave a presentation on action the Town Council took at their December 15, 2015 meeting. The Town Council approved \$48,750 out of the outside agency budget for WRCC as a one time stop gap due to the reduction of funding in DCF with the understanding WRCC would pay back any funds not needed. Pat Calvo also spoke on programs that WRCC has done in the past and what they plan on doing in the future.

Presentation from Town Engineer on cell block improvements

Joe Gardner and Paul Jorgenson gave a presentation on cell block improvements. The economic Development Director James Bellano is looking for a grant for the improvements that are needed. There is a need for female and juvenile cells. New cells could be constructed in the current bay parking area. There is the potential expansion of two extra cells.

## **7. Controller's report**

Controller's report was presented by Tom Pesce.

A Proposed Debt Management Plan was presented and reviewed with the Board.

At last night's Town meeting, three projects were approved.

The current year revenue and expenditures were reviewed. There will be a \$12,000 shortfall from the State on transportation.

The status of the audit is two people from the audit firm were out this week to review the ED001 reports. For the CAFR audit, an extension has been filed to January 31, 2015. Auditors will begin to look at the pension funds, and Board of Education funds. The new Munis system is benefiting us.

Thomas White would like to have committee reports added to the agenda after the chair's report.

Thomas White would like to be kept informed on the dispatch association.

## **8. Old business**

There was no old business

## **9. New business**

Kevin Donohue questioned how we handle risk management. Christian Johnson commented we have been going self insured for workers compensation and health insurance. Police, Fire and Board of Education pensions are now handled by the same management. The municipal pension is being looked at to move out of Great West.

Thomas White commented on the budget process and he will be attending meetings and asked if anyone would also like to attend, all are welcome so in case someone cannot make it, someone else can get information on changes.

## **10. Future agenda items**

Use of contingency funds - come up with proposal for Town Council to use.

Allocation of funds

Town Attorney to explain the use of contingency funds by the Board of Finance and Town Council.

## **11. Public Comment**

Henry Crane commented on affording various projects and bonding projects. Let the citizens decide.

## **12. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Tyler Griffin, seconded by Kevin Donohue the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Pesce