

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on **April 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Meeting Room of Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226**

Members Attending: Lynne Ide, Anita Sebestyen, Charles Pennewill, Anna Crawford, Thomas White, Paula Haney, and Nectalis Martinez.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lynne Ide called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment

3. Board of Finance Comment

There was no Board of Finance comment

4. Approval of meeting minutes

Upon a motion by Charles Pennewill, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to approve the meeting minutes from March 20, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Charles Pennewill to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Paula Haney, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to approve the meeting minutes from April 3, 2013.

The motion passed with Lynne Ide abstaining.

Upon a motion by Charles Pennewill, seconded by Thomas White to approve the meeting minutes from April 4, 2013.

The motion passed with Lynne Ide and Anna Crawford abstaining.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Charles Pennewill to approve the meeting minutes from April 10, 2013.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Chair's Report

Lynne Ide commented this meeting is concentrating on the budget.

6. Presentation and Special Reports

There were no presentations or special reports

7. Discussion and possible action on the 2013-2014 Board of Education Budget

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Charles Pennewill to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$251,319.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Charles Pennewill, moved to set the Board of Education budget at \$43,000,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion and possible action on the 2013-2014 General Government budget

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anna Crawford to increase the collection rate from 96% to 97%.

Thomas White commented this will help reduce the tax rate.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Anna Crawford, seconded by Nectalis Martinez to increase 50609-305 by \$2,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas White questioned keeping the additional position in the finance department.

Paula Haney commented keeping the position to get the work done.

Charles Pennewill commented the Town Council had second thoughts about the position.

Anita Sebestyen commented putting the position in a temporary line so the person is clear about being a temp.

Mayor Ernie Eldridge commented to leave the position alone.

Mark Doyle commented to leave the position alone.

Thomas White commented to not hire someone permanent without looking at the department.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anna Crawford to reduce line item 50702-233 by \$35,000.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anna Crawford to increase line item 50702-299 by \$506,944.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anna Crawford, moved to set the General Government budget at \$14,900,481.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible action on the 2013-2014 Willimantic Service District budget

Upon a motion by Anna Crawford, seconded by Thomas White to increase 50905-306 by \$7,000.

Anna Crawford commented maintaining our vehicles is important.

Paula Haney commented things need to be fixed and repaired.

The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

Upon a motion by Anna Crawford, seconded by Paula Haney, moved to set the Willimantic Service District budget at \$9,123,496

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action on the Capital Improvement Plan

Thomas White, seconded by Charles to approve the capital improvement plan for \$7,944,777
The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to discuss and possibly take action on line items 14 & 15 after line item 10.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Controller's Report

The controller's report was presented by Tom Pesce.

The auditors will make a formal presentation at the regular meeting in May.

The current year revenues and expenditures were reviewed. One area of concern is with the overtime lines in fire and police and the police special duty overtime line.

The debt payment schedule for the next five years was presented to the board. There will be a significant drop in the next two years. Bonding that has been authorized is for the magnet school, roads and sidewalks, and the Natchaug School roof.

12. Discussion and possible action on any General Government 2012-2013 transfer requests

There were no transfer requests.

13. Discussion and possible action on any Willimantic Service District 2012-2013 transfer requests.

There were no transfer requests.

14. Discussion and possible action on the time, date, and place of the Annual Budget Meeting

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Charles Pennewill, to set the Annual Budget meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at the Windham Town Hall.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion and possible action on the time, date, and place of the referendum vote

Upon a motion by Thomas White, seconded by Anita Sebestyen to set the referendum vote for Tuesday May 14, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the locations to be determined by the registrar.

The motion passes unanimously.

16. Discussion and possible action on appointment of Town Auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

No action was taken.

17. Old business

There was no old business

18. New business

There was no new business

19. Future agenda items

There were no future agenda items

11. Public Comment

Bernie Dauteuil commented once Board of Education is given money it is there will to spend it how they wish. Replacing the Natchaug School roof was an emergency and now the Board of Education has to go through proper procedures to get it fixed.

Kevin Hoxie thanked the board for making reductions. It's good to challenge the special master.

12. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Charles Pennewill, seconded by Anna Crawford the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attest: _____
Thomas Pesce