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## **BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES 06/20/2007**

The Board of Finance (BOF) held a regular meeting on June 20, 2007 in the Police Classroom of the Public Safety Complex, Meadow St, Willimantic, CT 06226.

**Members present:** Harry Carboni, Andrew Carey III, Peter McDevitt, Jr., Christopher Marot, Gordon Muir (arrived at 7:26), and Joseph Underwood.

Note: The Chairman votes only to **make** or **break** a tie.

Chairman Andrew Carey, III called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

Kay Haskell, Willimantic asked the Board to release funds to pay the Lawrence Associates an additional \$50,000 to continue the design process for Ballroom renovations.

Marvin Edelman, Windham Center, spoke on four issues: 1) He would like the Board of Finance to hold televised meetings, 2) He would like to see public comment at the end of meetings in addition to the beginning, 3) He would like to see a list of "Quality of Life" priorities from the town. His suggestions include a Recreation Center, a new Senior Center, and a new Library. He does not believe the Ballroom is a top priority. 4) He would like the Board of Finance to announce the Town's bonded debt at the beginning of each meeting.

### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes - April 4, 2007**

J. Underwood, seconded my C. Marot, moved the approval of the meeting minutes from April 4, 2007 as presented by Don Muirhead.

Voting **in favor** of the motion: 1. Underwood, C. Marot

Abstentions: P. McDevitt, H. Carboni

### **Presentation Concerning Town Hall Auditorium**

Town Engineer, Joe Gardner, and Lawrence and Associates architect, Anwar Hussein, presented their initial work on the Ballroom project. They said the ballroom project would need an additional \$750,000 above grants received by the Town in order to complete the project as currently designed. They stated that the \$1.1 million in Economic Development grants can be used regardless of whether the Town adds the additional funds or not.

**Discussion and Possible Action Concerning a Study of Separation of Willimantic and Windham**

H. Carboni, seconded by P. McDevitt, moved that a request be made to the Board of Selectmen to solicit a study into the separation of the Willimantic Service District from the First Taxing District.

C. Marot, seconded by G. Muir, moved that the motion be amended to include the question of combining the taxing districts into one. The motion was amended without objection.

**Motion PASSES unanimously.**

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Willimantic Fire Department Request for Pumper Repairs or Replacement**

Chief Palmer requests adding a new pumper in order to maintain our present insurance rating as a Town. The Chief was asked by the Board to furnish information on various pumpers. Many options were discussed, including purchasing a used pumper or repairing the 1976 pumper for further use.

No action was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transfer Requests**

G. Muir, seconded by P. McDevitt, moved the transfer of \$133,930 within the General Government budget as presented.

Voting **in favor** of the motion: P. McDevitt, C. Marot, G. Muir, J. Underwood

Abstentions: H. Carboni

**Motion PASSES 4-0, 1**

G. Muir, seconded by J. Underwood, moved the transfer of \$518,555 within the Willimantic Service District budget as presented.

Voting **in favor** of the motion: C. Marot, G. Muir, J. Underwood

Abstentions: H. Carboni, P. McDevitt.

**Motion PASSES 3-0, 2.**

G. Muir, seconded by P. McDevitt, moved to approve a transfer of \$105,272 for an outright purchase of an ambulance in order to avoid finance charges.

Voting **in favor** of the motion: P. McDevitt, C. Marot, G. Muir, J. Underwood

Abstentions: H. Carboni

**Motion PASSES** 4-0, 1.

**Adjournment**

Gordon Muir, seconded by Christopher Marot, made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

**Motion PASSED unanimously**

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Christopher Marot, Board of Finance