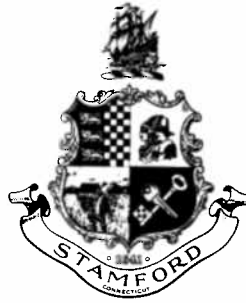


Minutes: May 8, 2014

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MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2014: 7:00 PM

Board of Finance Meeting Room, 4th Floor

Call to Order:(Video: 00:00): Performed by Chairman John J. Louizos at 7:09 PM; noting all Members were present excepting Mr. Williams who was absent due to a death in the family, & wishing Mr. William's family well at this time.

Pledge of Allegiance: (Video: 00:01): Led by Chairman Louizos

Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2014: 7:00 PM: Regular Meeting	Approved
	5-0-0
	Motion
	M. Rinaldi
	Second
	S. Gabriele

Public Participation:(Video: 00:00): None

Reports to the Board:(Video: 00:01): Mr. Bosak reported that he attended a committee meeting of the WPCA where they discussed the excess water drainage issue resulting from the recent rainstorm; resulting in a 4X the number of normal capacity of running water, adding that there was no resultant notice of violation by the State. Ms. Rinaldi made the point that, notwithstanding the recent storm, she could not recall in the past the large number of issues that have come about within the last several years.

Mr. Bosak stated that the WPCA intended to perform an INI study regarding the runoff which may be related to sump pumps.

Richard Freedman then reported that he Chaired an Audit Committee meeting just preceding this meeting, advising that the Committee was recommending the Auditing firm of Blum Shapiro, based on the selection committee's unanimous decision, to conduct the City's Annual audit. He advised that the Committee made this determination based on this firm's presentation, experience & the Senior Personnel who would be conducting the Audit. Ms. Rinaldi stated that she believed that a previous audit conducted by this firm on another matter was unsatisfactory. Chairman Louizos recommended that the Board act on the Audit Committee's recommendation. On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board then agreed by a vote of 4-1-0, with Ms. Rinaldi dissenting, to accept the Audit Committee's recommendation to engage Blum Shapiro to perform the annual audit. Mr. Freedman then reported that the Selection Committee for the Revaluation Audit agreed by unanimous decision to select JK Ryan to perform the Revaluation Audit. This was based on their prior experience in conducting audits and performing revaluations. Mr. Freedman advised that the Audit would be conducted using a random sampling and would not include homes which had work performed after the revaluation evidenced by permits (Also, see Audit Committee report already on file). On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Mr. Freedman, the Board then acted to approve this selection by unanimous vote.

Items are Shown in order of Consideration

OUTSIDE AGENCIES: *Bartlett Arboretum*

Item 1	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$154,000 to provide the balance of funding for FY 2013-14.	Approved
	Action Requested: Additional Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount: \$154,000	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Contingency	R. Freedman
	Submitted by: Mayor David Martin	Second
	Video: 00:13 Mr. Hricay reported that these funds represent ½ of the City's contribution to the Bartlett Arboretum for the current fiscal year. Mr. Gabriele stated that he did not believe that these funds should be held in contingency. Ms. Rinaldi advised that the Board decided to do this concurrent with the previous year's budget. In response to a question from Mr. Freedman, Mr. Travaglino, the Acting Director for the Bartlett Arboretum, stated that this funding would be used to pay outstanding bills. The Board agreed to approve this item by unanimous vote.	M. Rinaldi

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

Capital Project Closeout Recommendation

Item 2	Notification of Capital Project Closeout recommendation for C56802: Kosciuszko Park in the amount of \$26,723.68 as funds are not needed at this time for this project, and are more urgently needed for two other/ new capital projects (see agenda items # 5 & 6).	No Action Taken
	Action Requested: Capital Project Closeout recommendation	
	Amount: \$26,723.68	
	Fund/Budget:	
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	
	Video: 00:17 Mr. Casolo advised that this was a partial close-out in favor of utilizing the funds for the two projects following (Items # 3 & 4).	

Supplemental Capital Appropriation- Park & Field Improvements

Item 3	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$24,000 for Rosa Hartman Park Renovation to fulfill the deduct alternate to bid No. S-6349 for a 2-year maintenance contract.	Approved
	Action Requested: Supplemental Capital Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount: \$24,000	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Capital: CP0044: Bonding	M. Rinaldi
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:19 City Engineer Casolo advised that they deducted the amount for this initial maintenance since they could not afford it initially. The determination was made that in order for the landscaping to flourish and to prevent invasive species, which was critical in the first 2 years, that these funds were needed. The Board approved this appropriation by unanimous vote.	R. Freedman

Supplemental Capital Appropriation- Jackie Robinson Park Phase 2

Item 4	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$2,723.68 to complete the Jackie Robinson Park Phase 2 construction; fund to be used to replace a dilapidated sign at the park entrance.	Approved
	Action Requested: Supplemental Capital Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount: \$2,723.68	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Capital: CP1204: Bonding	S. Gabriele
	Submitted by: Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
	Video: 00:23 Mr. Casolo advised that these funds would allow for the present entry sign for the park, which was dilapidated, to be replaced.	M. Rinaldi

Approval of Bond Resolution

Item 5	Request for Approval of Bond Resolution to Amend the Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14 by adding \$26,723.68 for CP0044: Rosa Hartman Park renovation (\$24,000) & CP1204 (\$2,723.68); Jackie Robinson Park Phase II and Authorizing \$26,723.68 of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Stamford to meet said appropriation.	Approved
	Action Requested: Bond Resolution Approval	5-0-0
	Amount: \$26,723.68	Motion
	Fund/Budget: Capital	S. Gabriele
	Submitted by: Jim Hricay, Director of OPM	Second
	Video: 00:24 This resolution was submitted to approve the use of bond proceeds for the above noted projects that the Board acted to approve. The Board approved this item by unanimous vote.	R. Freedman

Supplemental Capital Appropriation- BOE Safety & Security

Item 6	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to replace 38 doors and 9 frames that require replacement due to age and use.	Approved
	Action Supplemental Capital Appropriation	5-0-0

Requested:		
Amount:	\$200,000	Motion
Fund/Budget:	Capital: CP504.:School Building Use Fund	R. Freedman
Submitted by:	Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
Video: 00:25	Mr. Casolo explained that the replacement of these doors was part of increased security efforts at City schools. Mr. Freedman, noting that the funds would come from the "School building Use Fund", stated that this was exactly what these funds should be used for. Mr. Hricay added that there was a balance in this fund of approximately \$400K which came from fees for use of the school building. Mr. Louizos, who Chaired several committee meetings on school safety, remarked that it was a positive outcome resulting from many people working together to improve safety in the schools.	M. Rinaldi

ITEM HEARD UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES

Supplemental Capital Appropriation-Lockwood/Maple Ave Window Replacement

Item 11	Request for Approval of Supplemental Capital Appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 to replace the 2 nd Floor windows at the Old Roger School on Lockwood/Maple Avenue for the BOE ARTS program.	Approved
Action Requested:	Supplemental Capital Appropriation	4-1-0
Amount:	\$200,000	Motion
Fund/Budget:	Capital: New- From BOE Operating FY 2013-14	R. Freedman
Submitted by:	Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations	Second
Video: 00:28	On a motion by Mr. Bosak, which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this item under suspension of the rules (Video: 00:05). Mr. Casolo explained that the Board of Education asked that the 2 nd floor windows at this building- which served as the location for the BOE ARTS program-be replaced since they learned that the City had already planned to replace the 1 st floor windows for the CLC. Since the Board of Education had the funds in their operating budget, Engineering agreed it could fit this project in during the summer, to be completed by September when the ARTS group would be occupying the space. Ms. Rinaldi said that she wished this project was done when Rogers was a functioning school so that the children could benefit. Mr. Louizos asked if there were efficiencies to be gained from replacing these windows at this time. Mr. Casolo replied in the affirmative, noting that the existing windows were 41 years old and single glazed. Mr. Freedman asked if the Board of Education had more than a \$200K projected surplus, which Mr. Hricay said was correct. On a motion by Mr. Freedman, which was seconded by Mr. Bosak, the Board acted to approve this appropriation by a vote of 4-1-0, with Ms. Rinaldi casting the dissenting vote.	G. Bosak

Volunteer Fire Departments

Item 8	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriations totaling \$153,360.64 to fund the Long Ridge: \$117,791.32; Turn of the River: \$22,733.32 & Springdale: \$12,836 Volunteer Fire Departments for the month of June, 2014.		Approved
	Action Requested:	Additional Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount:	\$153,360.64	Motion
	Fund/Budget:	Contingency	M. Rinaldi
	Submitted by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety	Second
Video:00:30	The Board noted that these were the remaining funds left in contingency for the volunteer firehouses, and approved this appropriation by unanimous vote.		G. Bosak

Fire Protection Services Agreement- Turn of the River Volunteer Fire Department

Item 10	Discussion & Presentation: Turn of the River Fire Protection Services Agreement		No Action Taken
	Action Requested:	Discussion	
	Amount:	\$	
	Fund/Budget:		
	Presented by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety	
Video: 00:32	Public Safety Director Jankowski summarized the agreement with Turn of the River, stating that it abided by the Charter amendment requiring a unified Fire Department under one Chief. Ms. Rinaldi asked about the ensuring reporting structure, which was explained by Mr. Jankowski as one in which went up the chain of command within the volunteers, then merged at the top, ultimately reporting to the Stamford Fire Department Chief. Mr. Gabriele asked how the hiring of the 24 Firefighters under the SAFER grant affected their stature after the grant period. Corporation Counsel Emmet advised that they were considered joint employees during the initial 2-year period, and would become employees of the City after the two year grant period. Mr. Freedman asked about the budget impact, which was described by Director Jankowski as cost neutral at this time. Mr. Louizos asked if anyone could object to this agreement; which Ms. Emmet stating that she expected that the court would approve. When Mr. Freedman asked what in this agreement may be objectionable to the other two firehouses, Chairman Louizos suggested the Board enter executive session.		

Stamford Fire Department: Additional Appropriation: SAFER Grant

Item 9	Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$1,045,188 to be used to hire 6 firefighters; funds include salary and benefits for a two year period.		Approved
	Action Requested:	Additional Appropriation	5-0-0
	Amount:	\$1,045,188	Motion
	Fund/Budget:	100% Grant Funded: FEMA SAFER Grant	G. Bosak

Submitted by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety	Second
Video: 00:49	Director Jankowski advised the Board that the City was successful in being awarded the SAFER Grant for a second time. He explained that these funds would enable them to hire 6 firefighters including salary and benefits for a two year period, based on the attrition of the same number of Firefighters at the time of this award. Mr. Freedman asked if this grant would result in cost savings. Mr. Jankowski advised that as they filled the spots lost by attrition or paid for by overtime, it would produce some savings. The Board acted to approve this item by unanimous vote.	M. Rinaldi


OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Volunteer Fire Departments

Item 7	Status Update: Volunteer Firehouses Mediation Discussions	No Action Taken
Action Requested:	Update	
Amount:	\$	
Fund/Budget:		
Submitted by:	Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety	
Video: 00:54	Chairman Louizos asked Director Jankowski to apprise the Board of what he could that did not involve disclosure of strategy or negotiations. Mr. Jankowski stated that they were engaging in detailed negotiations with Long Ridge during their meeting today, and would meet with Springdale this coming Monday. He advised that they were dealing with each firehouse separately, noting that was all he could state in open session. On a motion by Ms. Rinaldi, which was seconded by Mr. Bosak, the Board agreed by unanimous vote to hear this update in executive session during to ongoing negotiations and strategy. Participants in executive session included Board of Finance Members John Louizos, Mary Lou Rinaldi, Richard Freedman, Gerald Bosak and Sal Gabriele, along with Director of Legal Affairs Kathryn Emmet, Director of Public Safety Ted Jankowski, Chief Trevor Roach & OPM Director Jim Hricay. After approximately 20 minutes, the Board exited executive session with Mr. Louizos advising that no action was taken, and that as they had now taken up all items, he called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.	

Next Regular Meeting of the Board: Thursday, June 12, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Bosak which was seconded by Mr. Gabriele, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn this meeting at 8:29 PM.


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