

Bd of Finance/Selectmen
Regular Meeting August 1, 2018
Warren Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road

Board of Finance members present: Susan Haxo, Luke Tanner, James Richardson, Eric Schoenfeld, Robyn Kasler

Regrets: David Robinson

Selectmen present: Craig Nelson, Calvin Tanner, Stephen Warshaw

Also present: Colleen Frisbie, Town Treasurer, four members of the Warren Volunteer Fire Company

The meeting was opened at 7:30 pm by Susan Haxo.

1. L. Tanner moved to accept the minutes of the April 25, May 9 and May 17 special meetings, seconded by J. Richardson. All in favor.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Fire Company: Joann Marsh, President, first addressed the board regarding the special committee that was requested to meet regarding a new fire truck. The members from the Fire Co. will be Joann Marsh, Ted Pettit and Richard Ponton. Alternate will be Roger Tanner.

Ted Pettit, Fire Chief then spoke regarding funding for a new truck. He asked if the funds were still available and were they at risk? He was assured that the funds are secure and available and are not at risk. They would like to get the committee running as once the new truck is ordered it will take over a year to build. The company has two bids and is waiting on a third.

Ted gave an update on the situation with the current trucks with emphasis on Engine 3, the truck slated to be replaced. In order to keep the truck functional it needs \$12,000-13,000 worth of work. The town gives the company \$19,000/year toward truck maintenance but with other maintenance needs this money will go quickly. Ted then gave an overview of the company's expenses for equipment, testing, training, etc.

R. Kasler moved to allocate an additional \$7,000 to the Fire Truck Maintenance Fund, second by J. Richardson. All in favor, the motion carried.

Joann Marsh then addressed the study that the Finance Board had requested. She met with someone who gave quotes for two phases of a study: phase 1-Apparatus at a cost of \$13,800 and phase 2-building, etc at a cost of \$11,000. Ted had spent a lengthy amount of time with an insurance representative going over what he felt

would be the equivalent of the phase 2 survey, and he believes that the additional survey and funds required are not necessary. This insurance inspection resulted in a lower rating. He also felt that phase 1 is not necessary as they know their equipment, what is right with it and what is needed and did not see the need for the additional survey and expenditure that would entail.

Eric Schoenfeld pointed out that the board does not know what is needed or not and what truck would be appropriate. A survey on the apparatus would help educate the board. The discussion was tabled so that first a joint meeting of the committee with members from both boards could be scheduled.

4. Review of 2017-2018 expenses: We are waiting for three outstanding bills totaling approximately \$58,000 so the year can't be closed out yet, but the bottom line is very good. There are two categories that went over budget, but there are other categories well under. The board has the authority to reallocate funds up to \$20,000 per category. J. Richardson moved to reallocate \$4,800 from Region 6 to Government Employee Benefits and to reallocate \$14,310 from Region 6 to Government Boards and Commissions, second by E. Schoenfeld. All in favor, the motion carried.
5. Craig Nelson reported that we did not use all of the funds designated for the revaluation so the selectmen will be voting to move the unused funds (\$45,000) from designated for revaluation to undesignated fund balance.

J. Richardson/L.Tanner moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann