

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, Ronald Fedor, George Peteros, Rosalyn Dupuis, Alan Wilensky

ABSENT Ken Brown and Cheryl Larder

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward, Selectman Paul Konstantakis

RTM Thomas Dembek

ALSO Members of a local Boy's Scout Troop

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director, Neftali Soto, Utility Commission Chief Engineer, Jim Bartelli, Utility Commission, Assistant Director, Bruce Miller, Fire Administrator

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ITEM 1 Public Comment - none

ITEM 2 Approval and acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008

MOTION To approve minutes of Regular Meeting of December 10, 2008 as presented.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 3 Request from the First Selectman to appropriate \$3,500 from funds designated in Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure LI 20523-57703 Window Replacement – Goshen Fire Company, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION To approve this request as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$3,500
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

ITEM 4 Request from the Board of Selectmen to approve an additional appropriation of \$3,000 to LI 10107-52010 Advertising in the Finance Department Budget.

MOTION To approve this request as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$3,000
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 5 Request from the Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$382,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20570-57999 Undesignated Projects for replacement of the emergency generator at the Harvey Avenue wastewater pump station, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting of January 13, 2009.

MOTION To consider this request.
Wilensky, Dupuis

Mr. Sheehan explained that the Board of Selectmen voted affirmatively to approve this request and forward to the Board of Finance at its meeting held January 13, 2009. Mr. Fedor questioned what appeared to be extra work on the building itself. Mr. Bartelli explained that the generator is one of four turbines in the system that was actually built into the structure itself requiring additional work to the pump station in order to replace it. The new generator will be a high speed diesel and will be enclosed, but not structurally a part of the pump station. Discussion ensued on the fifteen percent overhead and profit.

MOTION To amend the request from the Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$350,000 from Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund LI 20570-57999 Undesignated Projects for replacement of the emergency generator at the Harvey Avenue wastewater pump station.
Sheehan, Peteros

Vote: Yes: Sheehan

No: Peteros, Dupuis, Wilensky, Fedor

Discussion continued as Mr. Peteros commented on his concern for creating a precedent by approving capital Projects outside of the capital planning process and using undesignated funds to do so. Ms. Beers when asked by Mr. Peteros stated that the Sewer Development/Maintenance

ITEM 10 Liaison Reports

Mr. Wilensky reported on the School Building Committee meeting noting that the Quaker Hill Project is nearing completion as the construction manager's work on the last of the punch list items. He notes that some additional construction was required in one kindergarten classroom in order to meet code. The Oswegatchie Project is continuing nicely and the Great Neck construction bids are scheduled to be opened before the end of the month. A brief discussion on the quality of the engineering in the elementary schools and change orders in general ensued.

Mr. Peteros noted that the Senior Citizen's Commission budget is up an overall three (3%) percent.

Chairman Sheehan reports the Board of Selectmen have begun taking tentative action on the budgets under their control. To date the largest increase tentatively approved is in the Emergency Management budget, up 20% from this year's budget level.

ITEM 11 Correspondence

Previously distributed:

December 12, 2008 Copy of letter from Chairman Sheehan to Chairman Peter Green of the Utility Commission regarding reimbursement of funds to the Utility Commission Sewer Development and Maintenance Fund, and reference to the Waterford Code of Ordinance 12.12.010

Correspondence enclosed:

December 18, 2008 Letter from Senior Services Director informing of expected budget shortfall

December 11, 2008 Copy of letter to RTM Moderator informing of Board of Finance action at December 10 meeting regarding Goshen Fire Window Replacement

December 12, 2008 Copy of E-mail from Dr. Collins to clarify questions posed at the December 10 meeting

November 19, 2008 Minutes of Economic Development Commission Meeting

December 17, 2008 Agenda of Economic Development Commission Meeting

November 25, 2008 Minutes of Waterford School Building Committee Meeting

December 16, 2008 Minutes of Waterford School Building Committee Meeting

December 12, 2008 Copy of E-mail from Ms. Beers to all Department Heads and Fire Chiefs
Re: Budget guidelines on diesel, unleaded and heating fuel

December 17, 2008 Statement of Contingency from Town Accountant

December 16, 2008 Status of General Fund Unreserved Balance from Town Accountant

December 10, 2008 Periodic Financial Statements from Town Accountant

ITEM 12 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.
Wilensky, Fedor

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Rudie Beers, Director of Finance