



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2018 7:00 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM TOWN HALL

BOF Attendant Members

David LaMay, Chairman
Carol Rzasa, V. Chairwoman
Tom Stevenson
Paul Carver
John O'Brien
Donna Nucci
Barry O'Neil

Absent Members

In Attendance

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Bob Fish, Treasurer
Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director
Chief Michael Spera
Peter Terenzi, Fire Marshal
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Call to order:

Chairman LaMay called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman LaMay led the pledge.

Fire Marshall Budget Discussion:

Mr. Terenzi reported that he met with Ms. Nucci for 4 hours going over statutory mandates. He also gave the board several handouts. He discussed the "Code Pal" which is a fee tracking package with a module for Permitting fees. Mr. Terenzi also passed out case law.

The board had several questions about inspections. He noted that he had done over 1000 over a 4 year period. The board also inquired about the status of the Tahoe that was ordered. Mr. Terenzi invited the board to look at the equipment that he needs to carry around with him that needs to fit into 1 vehicle.

A motion to recess and look at the fire marshal's equipment was made by Mr. LaMay, seconded by Ms. Rzasa and was so voted unanimously at 7:55 p.m.

A motion to resume the meeting at 8:19 was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. O'Brien and was so voted unanimously.

The Fire Marshall is available to meet further with anyone from the board if they still have questions.

Chairman LaMay thanked Mr. Terenzi.

Old Saybrook Department of Police Services

Chairman Moran of the Police Commission gave opening remarks. He thanked the Board of Finance for having him and Chief Spera so that they could discuss their budget.

Ms. Rzasa commented on the Police Chief's compensation.

Chief Spera presented the Police Department and Marine Patrol Operating budgets for FY 19.

He explained various line items and various spreadsheets to specific funding requests and explained how they were calculated.

Mr. Moran noted that the Police Commission spent over 10 hours deliberating over the budget.

Chief Spera briefly discussed the Marine Patrol. There is no overtime. He also talked about the SRO's in the schools.

A copy of this budget can be seen at the Town Hall or the Police Department.

Chairman LaMay thanked Chief Spera and Mr. Moran.

Selectman Report:

Selectman Fortuna reported on the following:

- CT Water Company;
- Parks & Recreation: RFP;
- Y&FS totally funded including insurance;
- Acton Library; New Director; Coverage for evenings;
- State of Connecticut is asking towns to prepare an Emergency Action Plan;
- ELDS: This case is a challenge by the State of New York to a final rule of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") designating an area in Eastern Long Island Sound as a permanent dredged material disposal site.

Chairman LaMay thanked Selectman Fortuna.

At this time, Selectwoman Conklin suggested the need for an HR Department. She noted that a workshop on implementation of an HR department would be helpful. She also suggested an

evaluation of the back log of inspections for the Fire Marshal. Perhaps the retired Fire Marshall could get trained to help.

Public comment: None

Comments from the Chair: Chairman LaMay thanked everyone for coming. He reminded everyone about the Public Hearing on March 20th at the Middle School Auditorium.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn made by Ms. Rzasa at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Mr.Stevenson and was so VOTED unanimously.

This meeting was video-taped and can be viewed on Town Website YouTube.

Submitted,
Gerri Lewis, Clerk