



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

BOF Attendant Members

David LaMay, Chairman
Carol Rzasa, V. Chairwoman
Tom Stevenson
Barry O'Neill
Rick Swan
Donna Nucci
Paul Carver

Absent Members

In Attendance

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Julie Pendleton, Director of Finance and Operations
Michael Spera, Chief of Police
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman LaMay led the pledge.

3. Roll Call: All members present.

4. Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020 was made by Mr. Swan, seconded by Ms. Rzasa, and motion passed 7-0-0.

5. Finance Report NONE

6. Selectman's Report

Ms. Rzasz inquired about opinion on the Board of Education fund. Selectman Fortuna informed the board that he sent a query to Attorney Cronin and spoke with him. He will email him to follow up.

Mr. Swan inquired about Park & Rec. Selectman Fortuna noted that it will be the end of the year before he has anything to report. Mr. Stevenson asked if the money was released and Selectman Fortuna answered yes, and that the money is released as they go along.

Mr. Stevenson inquired about the construction across from the fire house. Selectman Fortuna thought it was being done by the State.

Selectman Fortuna discussed the following:

- Director Ray Allen of Park & Rec sent numbers in for FY19 – FY20.
- Mini golf down 19K;
- Harvey's Beach down 30K;
- Town concession down 22K;
- There was a surplus from last fiscal year; so all totaled: 20K down;
- Tax collection is up or equal to last year;
- Settled Supervisors contract;
- 2 Contracts came due for OSPD: Supervisors and police contract making headway;
- Tropical storm in August: town hiring someone to take down trees;
- Reviews of supervisors starting now;
- Plan on doing Bias training;
- Covid uptick this week;
- Middle school shut down this week due to Covid;
- Mentioned at last meeting, Katie Dykes, commissioner at DEEP will have sub-committees; Mr. O'Neill and Selectman Fortuna sitting on sub-committee;
- Stolen street sign: lot of coverage; stories in newspaper; no questions;

Ms. Rzasz inquired about efficiency study for PD that was discussed a few years ago.

Selectman Fortuna noted a history of stop and start; sub committees were formed; RFP's: 2nd subcommittee voted no. Chairman LaMay noted that he will invite Police Commission to next meeting.

- Police Union: 23 in union and Chief and Captain not in union.
- Mr. Swan inquired about MIRA; Selectman Fortuna noted they have contract until 2027; we have the ability to opt out and look at other alternatives if need be;
- Mr. Swan inquired if there is a way to do OSPS exit interviews due to turnover; Mr. O'Neill felt that this was the purview of the Police Commission.

- Mr. Stevenson noted that 9 Town Transit has very few riders. Selectman Fortuna noted that it was probably time for that report again and will email Director Joe Comerford. He noted that DOT may be working on 9 Town Transit merge with Middletown Transit;

Mr. Stevenson also inquired about Main Street curbing. Selectman Fortuna reported that he is having Geoff Jacobson prepare a permit and we will hire a contractor to do work in early spring. We will do a dry run with DOT on the permit. Working with Dan Moran on RFP.

Chairman LaMay thanked Selectman Fortuna.

7. Public Comment: None

8. Comments from the Chair

Chairman LaMay reported that he heard from Mr. Swan who will be a liaison to Public Works and Fire Department. Mr. Stevenson will be liaison to public works: Ms. Rzasa will be liaison to Fire Department.

Next meeting canceled on election day. Chairman LaMay will invite Police Commission to next meeting.

He then called upon Ms. Nucci.

Ms. Nucci noted that there is an uptick in Old Saybrook and New London County. Soon it will be Middlesex County. Covid will be worse in the winter season and into the spring. Dine outdoors; travel is a challenge; outdoor time advised. Wear masks and get flu shot.

Ms. Nucci noted that people are as not afraid to go to hospital like they were earlier in the pandemic.

Chairman LaMay thanked Ms. Nucci.

This meeting was recorded on the Town's YouTube video website. It is always posted in the Town Clerk's Office.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Stevenson at 8:07 p.m. and was so VOTED unanimously.

Submitted:

Gerri Lewis