



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE VIRTUAL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.

BOF Attendant Members

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

Absent Members

In Attendance

Carl Fortuna, First Selectman
Scott Giegerich, Selectman
Matt Pugliese, Selectman
Barry Maynard, Tax Collector
Michael Spera, Chief of Police
Chief Joe Johnson, Old Saybrook Fire Department
Joe Comerford, Executive Director, 9 Town Transit

Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Chairman LaMay called the 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 March 16, 2021 was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Swan. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the Public.

Joe Comerford – Report 9 Town Transit

Mr. Comerford reported on the merger with Middletown Transit District and ConnDot. He said they are working on this now and should be complete in the next couple of months. He described their “on demand” service: it is like uber. Pre-pandemic they did 1200 trips per month and now about 1,000 trips per month. This service currently covers Old Saybrook, Essex, and Westbrook. This pilot started 2 years ago. There is currently no fare. A lot of younger people use this service.

Mr. Comerford noted that their contract revenue with Middlesex Hospital is beginning to pick up again.

He noted that the Ford escape is used to pick up people especially with on demand service and driver changes.

Chairman LaMay thanked Mr. Comerford.

6. Fire Chief Joe Johnson – OSFD

Chief Johnson of the Fire Department spoke about the replacement Jaws of Life equipment for the Fire Department’s Heavy Rescue. The equipment that they are looking to have upgraded and replaced is 21 years old.

New Equipment will be portable and more powerful. Equipment will be used for multiple instances and can be used as part of their Rapid Intervention Team responses.

Chief Johnson answered questions with regard to the equipment and the use of the equipment from and by other towns. Chief Johnson strongly believes that this equipment should not be a regional purchase due to the nature of when this equipment is needed.

The Fire Department went out to bid for the equipment.

Chairman LaMay thanked Chief Johnson.

7. Selectman Report:

Selectman Fortuna reported briefly on the following:

1. Old Saybrook Cares has raised \$200K;
2. Town will be receiving money from the State for specific uses such as;
 - a. Water; Sewer; Broadband; Hazard Pay & Infrastructure; Travel & Tourism;
3. He noted that Travel & Tourism is important in OS;
4. CCM is doing great work for the towns for good uses of this money;

5. All Boards of Education in every town will be receiving money as well.

8. Comments from The Chair

Chairman LaMay noted that he had no comments. He referred to Attorney Cronin's email that was forwarded to the board by Ms. Lewis. He commented that he did not have a chance to read and digest the email. He told the board if they wanted to have Attorney Cronin to a meeting, he asked that they contact him.

Hearing no further comments from the board, Chairman LaMay asked for a motion to adjourn.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Swan and was so VOTED unanimously.

Submitted:
Gerri Lewis, Clerk
Board of Finance

