TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2023 8:41 p.m.
Following OSPD Budget Presentation

This was a hybrid meeting

BOF Attendant Members
Paul Carver, Chairman
Brad Thorpe, V. Chairman
Tom Stevenson
Eric Dussault
Bruce Carlson
John O'Brien

Absent Members
Rick Swan

In Attendance
Carl Fortuna, First Selectman (Virtually)
Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

1. Mr. Carver called the meeting to order at 8:41 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
   The pledge was recited at the previous meeting.

3. **Roll Call:** All present except Mr. Swan who had a work emergency.

4. **Minutes**

A motion by Mr. Thorpe was seconded by Mr. Carlson to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022, passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment** None

6. **ARPA Application – Sandra Roberts**

Mr. Carlson explained Ms. Roberts' ARPA application. She applied for $12,500 in ARPA funding to help establish a home-based hair salon after the salon she worked at closed due to

Covid. The ARPA Ad Hoc Committee has recommended that this request move forward. It was noted that all of the board approvals are in place. The amount requested is $12,500.

A motion to approve this ARPA application of $12,500.00 was made by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Thorpe and was so voted unanimously.

Selectman Fortuna noted that the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee worked very hard during the process of handling all of the applications.

7. Comments from Board Members

None

8. Public Comment

At this time, Selectman Fortuna reported to the board that we did not receive the Community Challenge Grant. However, he followed up with DECD and invited them to come to Old Saybrook. They will be visiting the site on February 2, 2023.

He also reported that the town received $640K in back taxes from Between the Bridges.

9. Comments from the Chair

At this time, Ms. Palladino requested two (2) volunteers from the board to attend a meeting of the Capital Committee on January 23rd, 2023. Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Carlson volunteered.

Mr. Carver thanked everyone.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. O'Brien was so VOTED at 8:57 p.m.

A video of this meeting in its entirety can be seen online in the Town of Old Saybrook Video Library and the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerri Lewis, Clerk