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Board of Finance Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Meeting Room -Town Hall 5:30 p.m.

Approved

Attendance

Board of Finance Members Present: Chairman Kevin Houlihan, Vice Chairman James Leahy, Kevin Moffett, Joseph Nuzzo, Kevin McNabola, and Ajeet Jain

Staff: John Cifarelli, Finance Director; Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

Guests: Dr. Vincent Scarpetti, Superintendent of OBOE; Mr. Michael Gray, Director of Business and Operations of OBOE, Bob Brinton, Town Engineer

1. Call to Order

- Chairman Houlihan called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

New Business

2. Funding Requests:

A. Capital Budget Requests and Possible Votes to Fund Items

- Mr. Cifarelli advised that the HVAC units at Mary L. Tracy School should be funded from the American Rescue Plan so that the parts can be ordered in a timely fashion.

*Mr. Leahy made a motion to approve funding up to \$85k from the American Rescue Plan for the HVAC units at Mary L. Tracy School. The Town bidding procedure must be followed and this request must also go before the Board of Selectmen for final approval. Mr. Moffett seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion **PASSED.***

B. HVAC System at Case Memorial Library

- Mr. Cifarelli advised that the four heat pumps at the library have failed and the Children's Room is cold. In addition, he recommended that the Board of Finance consider funding the replacement of the small conference room heat pump, at a total cost of \$60k.

Mr. Jain made a motion to approved up to \$60k from the Capital Fund for the replacement of five heat pumps at the Case Memorial Library, seconded by Mr. Nuzzo. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

C. Request from the Board of Selectman to Fund Land Purchased for \$175k

- Mr. Cifarelli advised that the Board of Selectmen, in an Executive Session, discussed the purchase of approximately 6.5 – 7 acres of land behind the library at the purchase price of \$175k. In open session, the Board of Selectmen approved the purchase of the property. They are now requesting funding for this prospective purchase.

Mr. Moffett made a motion to approved \$175k from the Capital Fund for the purchase of land behind the library. Mr. McNabola seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion PASSED.

3. Budget Discussion

- There was a brief discussion on the recent Amity transfer of their current surplus to their Capital Contingency Account. Mr. Leahy encouraged letters to the editors of local publications in an attempt to make the public aware of Amity’s large surpluses.
- Mr. Cifarelli is hopeful to hear from Mr. Branchesi soon regarding the Grand List.

4. Discussion and Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2022 Budget Meeting

- The Board members reviewed the February 4, 2022 Board of Finance minutes and made edits as deemed appropriate.

Mr. McNabola made a motion to approve the revised February 4, 2022 Board of Finance minutes, seconded by Mr. Jain. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

5. Discuss Meeting for Orange Board of Education

- The meeting with the Orange Board of Education will be held on Monday, March 7th, at 7:00 at the Orange Board of Education Conference Room.

Old Business

1. Tropical Storm Isaias

- Mr. Cifarelli advised that the Town has not yet received any money from FEMA.

2. Annual Audit Review

- Mr. Cifarelli suggested a Special Meeting with Ms. Loso sometime in March.

3. OVNA Financial Report

- Mr. Cifarelli noted that OVNA will present their Financial Report at the Board of Finance February 28th Regular Meeting.

4. Orange Board of Health

- Mr. Cifarelli reported that Dr. Mohammad held the first clinic on February 16th primarily for adolescent COVID vaccinations. There was a brief discussion regarding mask mandates in the schools. Mr. Cifarelli advised that the OBOH will be invited to attend the Board of Finance March meeting.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Moffett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. McNabola. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Satonick
Recording Secretary