

**BOARD OF FINANCE
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
May 23, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Elaine Hammers called the Board of Finance meeting to order AT 7:20 P.M. at the Town Hall, Trumbull, Connecticut. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Members present and absent were as follows:

PRESENT

Chairman, Elaine Hammers
Paul Lavoie
Andrew Palo
Steven Lupien
Dave Rutigliano
Tom Tesoro
Susan LaFrance, Alternate
Vincent DeGennaro, Alternate
Cindy Penkoff, Alternate

ABSENT

Also present: Maria Pires, Finance Director; Al Barbarotto, AFB Construction Management; Daniel Nelson, Chief of Staff; John Marsilio, Director of Public Work; Paul Timpanelli; Chief Thomas Kiely.

The Chair indicated that Mr. Lupien raised the issue that Special Meetings are only to be called for items of an urgent nature. She went on to add that our Rules state Special Meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman or the Vice Chairman or any two members of the Board may petition for a special meeting by a letter to the Chairman or the Vice Chairman. Any meeting called under this section must be held within fourteen calendar days of the date of receipt of the request.

Mr. Lupien indicated that since our Rules do not address the reason a Special Meeting can be called Robert's Rules would prevail. He quoted the following: "The reason for Special Meetings is to deal with important matters that may arise between regular meetings and that require urgent action by the society before the next regular meeting." He went on to add that the mill rate fits these criteria since our Charter mandates that we set the mill rate by the 25th. The rest of the items on the agenda, although properly noted, do not fit the test of being urgently required before the next meeting and are out of order.

Mr. Tesoro expressed his support of Mr. Lupien, adding that it would give him additional time to read Mr. Barbarotta's handouts.

Mr. Timpanelli and Jamie Bratt, Director of Planning and Zoning, both indicated that their Agenda Items (05-12-07; 05-12-08 05-12-09) could wait until the next scheduled Board of Finance Meeting. The Chair decided not to take up those items tonight.

The Chair asked Mr. Marsilio, Public Works Director, which item in Agenda Item 05-12-06B could not wait. He indicated that if the Board approved his capital budget prior to July 1, it would give him an edge in ordering equipment and ensure timely arrival. However, he indicated that the paving could not wait; it is scheduled to start in June and continue until Thanksgiving.

The Chair made a ruling to hear the Town Bond (Agenda Item 05-12-6B) due to the nature of the items.

Mr. Lupien moved seconded by Mr. Tesoro to override the Chair.

VOTE: 3-3-0 (Against: Tesoro, Lupien, Palo) motion fails

Mr. Barbarotta indicated that Agenda Item 05-12-06A could wait until the next Board of Finance meeting, giving everyone time to review the information he handed out at the meeting.

Chair called recess at 7:28 pm; meeting resumed at 7:32.

05-12-06B – BONDING RESOLUTION

The Chair indicated the following items needed to be addressed immediately in the Town Bond: the paving, the trucks, and the salt shed. The Chair went on to add that the Board would need to amend the amount down to reflect these three (3) items, after reading the Bond.

Mr. Lupien moved seconded by Mr. Tesoro to read the title and Section 1 of the 2012-2013 CIP bond resolution in their entirety and to waive the reading of the remainder of the resolution, incorporating its full text into the minutes of this meeting.

VOTE: 6-0 motion passes

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$3,195,000 FOR THE TRUMBULL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2012-2013 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$3,195,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Section 1. The sum of \$3,195,000 is appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of the Town of Trumbull Capital Improvement Plan 2012-2013, as adopted and amended by the Town Council from time to time, and consisting of: (i) Roadway reconstruction and improvement (ii) Public facilities; (iii) Fleet and equipment; (iv) other projects; (v) Enterprise, and for appurtenances, equipment and services related thereto, or so much thereof as may be accomplished within such appropriation, including administrative, advertising, printing, legal and financing costs to the extent paid therefrom, said appropriation to be in addition to all prior appropriations for said purpose. The Town Council may by resolution transfer funding herein authorized among projects within the 2012-2013 CIP.

Mr. Lupien moved seconded by Mr. Lavoie to adopt the resolution as introduced.

VOTE: 6-0-0 motion passes

Mr. Lavoie moved seconded by Mr. Palo to reduce the Town Bond from \$3,195,000 to \$1,565,520 for fleet and equipment.

The ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

Lavoie
Rutigliano
Palo
Tesoro
Hammers

NAYS

VOTE: 5-0-1 (abstained: Lupien) Resolution Adopted

Mr. Lupien moved, seconded by Mr. Tesoro to adopt a Mill Rate 30.71.

VOTE: 6-0-0 motion passes

ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis Collier
Board of Finance Clerk