

January 13, 2021

- I. Call to Order: The special Meeting of the Sterling Board of Finance was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David Shippee. Other members' present-Robert Salisbury, Neil Cook, Jim Molodich, Christine Farrugia, and Neil Delmonico (7:03 p.m.). Also present-Link Cooper, Peter Rabbitt, and Joyce Gustavson.

D. Shippee requested a moment of silence to honor First Selectman, Russell M. Gray, who unexpectedly passed away on January 12, 2021.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Request for Appropriation of \$16,327 to the Board of Education Fund 10-248a for FY 2017-2018: D. Shippee reported that this request to transfer year end monies had been previously approved by the Board of Finance. The auditors are requesting that we process this as an appropriation instead of a transfer as it was done after the audit for FY2017-2018. R. Salisbury made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to approve the appropriation to the Board of Education's 10-248a account in the amount of \$16,327 for FY2017-2018. All voted in favor of the motion.
- IV. Request for Appropriation of \$81,754 to the Board of Education Fund 10-248a for FY 2018-2019: D. Shippee reported that this request to transfer year end monies had been previously approved by the Board of Finance. The auditors are requesting that we process this as an appropriation instead of a transfer as it was done after the audit for FY2018-2019. R. Salisbury made a motion, seconded by C. Farrugia to approve the appropriation to the Board of Education's 10-248a account in the amount of \$81,754 for FY2018-2019. All voted in favor of the motion.
- V. Request from Board of Education to Transfer Year End Monies to the Board of Education Fund 10-248a – FY2019-2020 - \$130,254.26: The Board of Education is requesting permission to transfer FY2019-2020 - \$130,254.26 to the Board of Education's 10-248a account. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by C. Farrugia to approve the transfer to the Board of Education's 10-248a account in the amount of \$130,254.26 for FY 2019-2020. All voted in favor of the motion.
- VI. Request by the Water Pollution Control Authority for Expenditure from Facilities Maintenance Fund for Cleaning and TV Inspection Sanitary Sewers and Manhole Inspection - \$34,590: L. Cooper reported that the Town pays Plainfield to get rid of the sewage by the gallon. Some months there is a tremendous overage of water that gets into the sewers. By scoping the sewer system with a camera, leaks will be detected. The Water Pollution Control Authority requested approval for an expenditure of \$34,590 from the Facilities Maintenance Fund for cleaning and TV inspection sanitary sewer, manhole inspections (70), and corresponding reports. R. Salisbury made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to approve the expenditure of \$34,590 from Facilities Maintenance for cleaning and TV inspection sanitary sewer, manhole inspections (70), and corresponding reports. All voted in favor of the motion.
- VII. Request by Board of Selectmen for Expenditure from Facilities Maintenance Fund for Leak Detection Survey - \$3,100: L. Cooper reported that part of the process in

applying for the Permit Application for Diversion for Water for Consumptive Use, is to perform digital and acoustic detection process at various streets searching for evidence of leaks. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to approve the expenditure of \$3,100 from Facilities Maintenance to perform an acoustic leak detection and noise location survey. All voted in favor of the motion.

VIII. Request by Board of Selectmen for Expenditure from Facilities Maintenance Fund for Water Diversion Permit Application - \$18,000: L. Cooper reported that in addition to the Leak Detection Survey for the Water Diversion Permit Application, the following additional expenses are anticipated: \$1,250 for the General Water Diversion Permit Application; \$12,600 to Wayne Bugden of One Earth Environmental, LLC to complete the scope of work; \$700 for scanning the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) files; and \$3,450 for any additional out-of-scope tasks for a total amount not to exceed \$18,000. J. Molodich made a motion, seconded by R. Salisbury to approve the expenditure, not to exceed \$18,000 as follows: \$1,250 for the General Water Diversion Permit Application; \$12,600 to Wayne Bugden of One Earth Environmental, LLC to complete the scope of work; \$700 for scanning the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) files; and \$3,450 for any additional out-of-scope tasks. All voted in favor of the motion.

IX. Adjournment: P. Salisbury made a motion, seconded by C. Farrugia, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Board of Finance Clerk