

March 10, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Sterling Board of Finance was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chairman Robert Salisbury. Other members' present-Neil Cook, Jim Molodich, Christine Farrugia and Neil Delmonico.

Staff present-Link Cooper, David Shippee, Joyce Gustavson, and Peter Rabbitt (7:32 p.m.)

Also present-Jack Joslyn.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience of Citizens: No comment.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Minutes: C. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to approve the 2/10//2021 monthly meeting minutes with the correction to Approval of Minutes...“monthly meeting”...instead of “special meeting”. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Tax Collector's Grand Ratebook Balance Sheet Report: The report for month ending 2/28/2021 was submitted and reviewed.

b. I.T. Upgrades for the Sterling Municipal Building: N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by N. Cook to table this item to the next meeting as there is no new information. All voted in favor of the motion.

c. Election of Officers: C. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

New Business:

a. Consider & Act on Budget Schedule for 2021-2022: Governor Ned Lamont is scheduled to release another round of Executive Orders on 3/19/2021. It was the consensus of the Board of Finance to wait until the April meeting to act on a budget schedule for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to table this item to the next meeting. All voted in favor of the motion.

N. Cook made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to add under New Business, Item b. Appointment of New Board Member. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Appointment of New Board Member: N. Cook made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to appoint Jack Joslyn, 209 Harris Road, Sterling, CT 06377 to fulfill the vacancy created by D. Shippee's resignation, completing the six (6) year term ending 11/16/2021. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Finance: 1) **Sanders:** R. Salisbury reported that the Board of Selectmen have received three (3) proposals to purchase one (1) nine (9) foot sander.

Proposals are included in your packet and shall be discussed at the April meeting. 2) **Mil Rate Calculation:** R. Salisbury passed out a Mil Rate Calculation sheet explaining how property tax is calculated. Currently, the estimated tax collection rate is based on ninety-eight (98) percent. D. Shippee stated that down the road the estimated collection rate may have to be lowered to ninety-six (96) percent.

3) **Propane Tanks:** Discussion was held regarding the 1,000-gallon propane tanks at the Well Water Pump Station and Town Garage. Presently, the tanks are owned by Osterman. The tank at the Well Water Pump Station runs the generator at the wells and the tank at the Town Garage is used for heat. It would save the Town money to own the tanks and shop around for the better deal when purchasing propane. L. Cooper reported that he is working with ACDC and Tilcon as the generator at the Sewer Pump Station needs to be replaced. One option would be to remove the diesel tank and install two (2) propane tanks. In order to do this, Tilcon would have to expand the current easement by 2,500 square feet.

Adjournment: N. Cook made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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Joyce A. Gustavson, Board of Finance Clerk