

June 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Sterling Board of Finance was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Salisbury. Other members' present- Jim Molodich, Christine Farrugia, Neil Delmonico, and Jack Joslyn.

Staff present-Link Cooper, David Shippee, Peter Rabbitt, and Joyce Gustavson.

Also present-Steve Offiler.

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

Audience of Citizens: R. Salisbury stated that Steve Offiler expressed interest in becoming a Board of Finance member and introductions were made.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Minutes: N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to approve the 4/14/2021 monthly meeting minutes, the 5/12/21 public hearing and special meeting minutes and the 6/2/2021 special meeting minutes as written and presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Unfinished Business:

a. Tax Collector's Grand Ratebook Balance Sheet Report: The reports for month ending 4/30/2021 and 5/31/2021 were submitted and reviewed.

b. I.T. Upgrades for the Sterling Municipal Building: R. Salisbury asked for an update on the Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). J. Gustavson reported no change from the last meeting. Discussion was held. J. Joslyn 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. Request by Selectmen for Expenditure for Road Resurfacing – Snake Meadow Hill Road and Barber Road – Town's Fund Balance: J. Gustavson reported that this line item should read as follows: **Consider & Act on Request by the Board of Selectmen for an Appropriation in the Amount of \$200,000 from the Town's Fund Balance to the Board of Selectmen – Highways – Road**

Resurfacing: L. Cooper, First Selectman explained that the Board of Selectmen have rejected all the bids for Barber Road. After doing research, it appears that tack coating and overlaying Barber Road may not yield long-term results and we should consider reclaiming the road and rebid the project later. In order to resurface Snake Meadow Hill Road, Jared Hall Hill Road, and Margaret Henry Road, the Selectmen are requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000. N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to approve the Board of Selectmen's request for an appropriation in the amount of \$200,000 from the Town's Fund Balance to the Selectmen's Budget – Highways – Road Resurfacing, pending Town Meeting approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

b. Consider & Act on Sale of Town Equipment: 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor with Loader and Belly Mower and 1991 Sweepster Sweeper PTO 6'3 Point Hitch: L. Cooper reported that seven (7) bids were received for the 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor and zero (0) bids were received for the Sweepster Sweeper. High bid for the 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor is \$4,250. C. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to approve the sale of the 1990 Ford 1520 Tractor with Loader and Belly Mower to the high bidder pending Town Meeting approval. All voted in favor of the motion.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Board of Finance: 1) R. Salisbury asked L. Cooper for an update on the Town's Liability regarding the special conditions as outlined in Green Mountain Pipeline Services' proposal to repair/block/seal leaks detected in the sanitary sewer lines. L. Cooper reported that he contacted Ray Bahr of Green Mountain Pipeline Services and was told that if there is a break in the laterals where equipment can get stuck, the Town would be responsible for any repair to their equipment; however, it appears that the work that needs to be done is not in any of the laterals/joints. 2) J. Gustavson reported that earlier tonight the Board of Selectmen scheduled a special Town meeting for Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in Room #15 at the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building, 1183 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT to vote to approve an appropriation for road resurfacing, vote to approve an expenditure for the Sewer Pump Station generator, and vote to approve the sale of Town equipment.

Adjournment: N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by J. Joslyn to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

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