

April 5, 2023

I. Call to Order: The special Meeting of the Sterling Board of Finance was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Salisbury. Other members' present- Neil Delmonico, Jim Molodich, Christine Farrugia, and Steve Offiler.

Absent: Tracie Adams

Also present-Link Cooper, David Shippee, Jack Joslyn, Sherri Soucy and members of the audience.

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

III. Consider & Act on 2023-24 Board of Education Proposed Budget: Ted Friend presented the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$8,423,785. This would represent an increase of \$168,500 over last year's budget. This also represents a 2.04% increase. There will be a reduction in staff. There are increases in contractual obligations for salaries and insurance. The special education out of district tuitions have also increased. The BOE will be using some of the PA 10-248 fund to help offset some of the costs for next year's budget. C. Farrugia made a motion, seconded by S. Offiler to table the action on the BOE budget for further review. All voted in favor of the motion.

IV. Consider & Act on 2023-24 Board of Selectmen Proposed Budget: Link Cooper presented the Board of Selectmen Budget in the amount of \$3,450,155. This would represent an increase of \$162,072 over last year's budget. This also represents a 4.93% increase. The increases are in salaries, insurance benefits, contractual obligations for software and increases in capital for costs related to purchasing a new bus for the BOE. There are reductions in fuel for the town hall, and debt service. S. Offiler made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to table the action on the BOS budget for further review. All voted in favor of the motion.

V. Request by the Board of Selectmen for additional Expenditure from Capital Account – Facility Maintenance for Sterling Water System for Well #3 – Pump & Motor Replacement (\$10,553) -Sterling Water System – 0 Sterling Road: L. Cooper reported to the board that the amount needed for the project is \$21,106 in total. The amount that was requested was for only 50% of the project. There needs to be an additional amount of \$10,553 for the project. N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by J. Molodich to approve the additional expenditure from Capital Account – Facility Maintenance in the amount of \$10,553 for Sterling Water System for Well #3 – Pump & Motor Replacement at 0 Sterling Rd., Sterling, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

VI. Request by the Board of Selectmen for additional Expenditure from Capital Account – Facility Maintenance for Sterling Water System Telemetry Upgrades (\$9,899) – Sterling Water System – 0 Sterling Road: L. Cooper reported to the board that the amount needed for the project is \$19,798 in total. The amount that was requested was for only 50% of the project. There needs to be an additional amount of \$9,899 for the project. S. Offiler made a motion, seconded by C. Farrugia to approve the additional expenditure from Capital Account – Facility Maintenance in the amount of \$9,899 for Sterling Water System Telemetry Upgrades at 0 Sterling Rd., Sterling, CT. All voted in favor of the motion.

VII. Adjournment: N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by C. Farrugia, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherri A. Soucy, Recording Secretary