

TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007  
CROMWELL TOWN HALL 7:30 P.M.  
ROOM 224/225

MINUTES

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN MICHAEL GENGLER, LORAIN CARUSO, JULIUS NETO, JACK HENEHAN, JOHN FLANDERS, JEREMY SHINGLETON, AND EDWIN MALEY JR.

ALSO PRESENT: FIRST SELECTMAN PAUL BEAULIEU.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: ***Loraine Caruso made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Julius Neto. All were in favor. Motion Passed.***

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting, December 28, 2006.

**Tabled.**

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

E. REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:

The First Selectman reported the following issues:

1. 14 Alcap Ridge – Friday there is a proposal for them to come up with taxes for the property. There are environmental issues and they have spoken with the Attorney and the first mortgage holder to make this financially viable. They want to put a tenant in to satisfy the back taxes. This is the proposal to address the back taxes. Mr. Maley voiced his concerns with discussions on this to the public. This kind of ongoing litigation is inappropriate and should be taken up in executive session. Chairman Michael Gengler agrees with Edwin Maley Jr. Loraine Caruso does not agree she feels that back taxes are public knowledge.

2. On the labor front the police dispatcher is in negotiations. The snow budget and heating costs remain in great shape due to weather conditions.

F. OLD BUSINESS: None

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Report of the Auditor-Ken Scully of Scully & Wolf went over several reports with the Board of Finance along with the laws, regulations, introduction, financials, and statistics. He would like to get an unqualified opinion of the town management discussion. The current year of what's coming up he made everyone aware of the accounting standard changes and capital assets such as land that are not being depreciated and buildings, infrastructure to be picked up to comply with the accounting structures standards. He also went over the results of operations.

Ken Scully also reported that the firm Scully and Wolf consolidated and merged with Bloom Shapiro. They have taken over that sector and have become one of the largest accounting firms. The merger took place January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

2. Discussion and Action on emergency appropriation to replace police vehicle and equipment that was totaled in a motor vehicle accident. Chief Salvatore spoke on this appropriation. He is asking for 36,000 to replace one of the K-9 units along with a digital recorder added to the unit.

**Lorraine Caruso made a motion to approve the appropriation for 36,000, seconded by Julius Neto. All were in favor except Michael Gengler abstained. Motion Passed.**

3. Discussion and Action on appropriation for 8,000 to refurbish the Cromwell Landing Sign, as requested by the Rotary Club of Cromwell.

**Lorraine Caruso made a motion to approve the appropriation for \$8,000.00, seconded by Jack Henahan. All were in favor. Motion Passed.**

4. Designate Board of Finance member(s) to participate on Long Range Planning Committee.

Julius Neto and Michael Gengler are willing to participate on the Long Range Planning Committee.

H. BUDGET REPORT:

The Finance Director reported that we are very optimistic with the weather and heating costs and are hoping to continue with this trend.

There remains to be concerns with legal expenses due to labor relations.

I. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR: The Tax Collector reported her tax report and discussed that the prior year was well over due to Audits. She also mentioned that she agrees with Edwin Maley that any correspondence regarding 14 Alcap Ridge should be through the Attorney's and prefers that it is discussed in executive session.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIASON REPORT:

Mr. Neto discussed that the Board of Education continues to work toward the budget for additional staff such as a tech it. There is a huge need for administrations on the budget. Also discussed was the energy subcontracting following the investments and identifying alternatives for special education.

The First Selectman discussed the significant savings with policing the Anthem Blue Cross.

K. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

The Chairman welcomes Jeremy Shingleton our newest Board of Finance member.

L. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

The Vice Chairman mentioned that there is not anything to report on Fonda/Lowe's Project and she would like to commend the Chairman on the letter written to Art Director.

M. GOOD AND WELFARE: The First Selectman commended Mr. Maley on his 21 years as a State Legislature Commissioner who recently retired. Retirement Reception being held on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at the State Old Judiciary Room.

N. ADJOURNMENT: **Loraine Caruso made a motion to adjourn at 9:30, seconded by Jack Henehan. All were in favor. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Milardo  
Clerk

