

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023 7:00 pm  
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman John Ireland, Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Dan Kelly, Ed Maley, Brian Stermer, Matthew Blanchette, Ann Hulick, Julie Aurigemma

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Director of Finance Sharon DeVoe, Police Chief Denise Lamontagne, Captain Fred Sifodaskalakis, Town Auditor Joseph Centofanti

A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman John Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

C. APPROVE AGENDA

1. Chairman John Ireland stated that they would be have the Building Committee update after Old Business.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to approve an appropriation for \$54,000 within the CNR Fund for a cruiser totaled in a motor vehicle accident.
  - a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to discuss and take action to approve an appropriation for \$54,000 within the CNR Fund for a cruiser totaled in a motor vehicle accident, seconded by Dan Kelly. Police Chief, Denise Lamontagne, present the request. Ed Maley made a motion to amend that motion to discuss and take action to approve an appropriation for \$54,000 within the CNR for a cruiser totaled in a motor vehicle accident, subject to Town Council approval, seconded by Steve Wygonowski.  
**ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

F. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Town Auditor, Joseph Centofanti, PFK O'Connor Davies
  - a. Joseph Centofanti presented the audit done on the town. Discussion followed.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, November 17, 2022
  - a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2022, seconded by Ed Maley. **ED MALEY, STEVE WYGONOWSKI, JOHN IRELAND, MATTHEW BLANCHETTE AND BRIAN STERMER VOTED IN FAVOR. DAN KELLY ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSES.**

H. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, presented updates on economic development in the town. He also gave an update where the town is for next year's budget. There was discussion about the Town Council approving two dispensaries and how the town can spend the revenue from them.

I. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe, presented the current year budget through end of December. All is on target and there are no concerns. Sharon DeVoe and Anthony Salvatore met with bond council for School Building Project. They have decided to do short term financing starting in Spring 2023. At the end of November the town came to a decision on a new bank and they are going with Webster.

J. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe stated that tax collection is on track with where the town was last year.

K. OLD BUSINESS - None

L. BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Matthew Blanchette gave an update on the building committee and where they are in the process.

M. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Chairman John Ireland stated that there is town council meeting where the town will present their budget to the Town Council on February 28th and March 1<sup>st</sup>. He was at the Board of Education meeting and they have put out their initial budget and it is available on their website. He is looking for someone to be a liaison to attend their meetings. At the February Board of Finance meeting they will set the dates for the workshops.

N. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski made comment on the school facilities committee asking for funding to do a facilities assessment. He also commented that with the new tax assessment that the mill rate would have to be lower in order for the taxes to be the same.

O. GOOD AND WELFARE - None

P. ADJOURNMENT

1. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dan Kelly. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.** The meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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