

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 7:00 pm
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman John Ireland (phone), Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Dan Kelly, Matthew Blanchette, Jamin DeProto, Ed Maley

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Director of Finance Sharon DeVoe, Kathryn Russ, Board of Education member, Police Chief Frederick Sifodaskalakis

A. CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

C. APPROVE AGENDA – No changes

D. SEAT ALTERNATES – None

E. CITIZENS COMMENT- None

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIASON REPORT – Kathryn Russ gave an update on the Board of Education. They are working to get a tri-board meeting in March to discuss the facilities assessment. They are currently in a budget deficit and are in a budget freeze.

G. NEW BUSINESS

- 1 Discussion and action to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$17,000 within the CNR Fund for the 2023 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant (50% reimburseable).
 - a. Police Chief Frederick Sifodaskalakis presented the request. Matthew Blanchette made a motion to approve an appropriation in the amount of \$17,000 within the CNR Fund for the 2023 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership grant; seconded by Dan Kelly. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES

H. APPROVAL IF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, November 16, 2023
 - a. Dan Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes from November 16, 2023; seconded by Matthew Blanchette. 4/0 2 abstained. MOTION PASSES.

I. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Anthony Salvatore, Town Manager, gave a brief update of town projects. The budget process has started. Discussion followed on the Fund Balance and open projects.

J. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe, presented the budget through end of November. There are currently no concerns. There will be a long range planning meeting in January.

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K. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe took questions on the tax collectors report. She stated that all the money was accounted for and in the bank. There is an issue with QDS (tax software) not reconciling with the bank. The Tax Collector is looking to rectify this.

L. SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE – Matthew Blanchette gave a school building update. The project is out to bid.

M. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Chairman John Ireland thanked Steve Wygonowski for running the meeting.

N. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Vice Chairman Wygonowski gave a fire district update. The Executive Director role is still open. This week approved a new ambulance for about \$400,000. There is a two year delivery window.

O. GOOD AND WELFARE – Ed Maley wants a full and final accounting on the tax revenue.

P. ADJOURNMENT – Dan Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matthew Blanchette. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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