

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 7:00 pm
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: John Ireland, Steven Wygonowski, Ed Maley (Arrived at 7:04), Brian Stermer, Matthew Blanchette, Alternate Anne Hulick

ABSENT: Dan Kelly

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Allan Spotts, Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe, Captain Fred Sifodasalakis, Alternate Gail Richey

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Allan Spotts called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

B. RECOGNIZE SEATED ALTERNATE – Mayor Allan Spotts recognize Anne Hulick

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

D. ORGANIZATION

1. Election of Board of Finance Chairman

a. Matthew Blanchette nominated John Ireland, Brian Stermer seconded, All in favor. Motion Passes.

2. Election of Board of Finance Vice Chairman

a. Brian Stermer nominated Steve Wygonowski, Matthew Blanchette seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

3. Set 2022 regular Board of Finance meeting schedule

a. There was discussion about moving the December meeting to the 15th as it was farther from the Holidays.

b. Steve Wygonoski made a motion to approve the 2022 regular Board of Finance meeting schedule with the change for the December meeting to be on the 15th, Matthew Blanchette seconded. All in Favor. Motion Passes.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, September 23, 2021

a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the minutes, Allan Spotts seconded. John Ireland, Steve Wygonowski and Ed Maley voted in favor. Anne Hulick, Matthew Blanchette and Brian Stermer abstained. Motion Passes.

F. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

G. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

- 1. The town in monitoring Solid Waste in Hartford as they are looking to close down, meaning the town would have to ship all solid waste out of state at a higher cost.**
- 2. Fuel will be rebid in December**
- 3. Town Manager commented on price increase in getting supplies, prices are not always guaranteed at time of purchase but rather at time of delivery**
- 4. The Red Lion has been sold**
- 5. Update on Nothern tier, nothing has been approved**

6. The Town Manager had correspondence to show discussion on premium pay.

H. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe spoke on behalf of the Finance Director Marianne Sylvester. She stated that there were no areas of concern, but it is still early in the fiscal year.
2. Sharon DeVoe also mentioned that the Town received an unexpected revenue from CIRMA, Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency, in the amount of \$53,420.
 - a. There was discussion on where the money will be applied and how the town received the funds.
 - b. There was also an updated General Fund Balance report.
 - a. There was discussion about the anticipated funds and when they are were expected to be received by the town.

I. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe spoke on behalf of the Tax Collector. She stated that all was in line with where the town normally is

J. OLD BUSINESS- None

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to appropriate \$8,100 within the CNR Fund for the Bullet Proof Vest Grant. This grant will be 50% reimbursed.
 - a. John Ireland had the town manager explain why Police Department had to request the money for the grant so the newest members of the Finance Board knew why
 - b. Captain Fred Sifodasarakis explained that the Police Chief will purchase the Bullet Proof Vests and then they will be reimbursed for 50% of the cost.
 - c. There was discussion on what information was provided to the Federal Government to be approved for the grant and the process the Police Department went through.
 - d. Ed Maley made a motion to approve appropriating \$8,100 within the CNR Fund for the Bullet Proof Vest Grant, Steve Wygonowski seconded. **All in favor. Motion Passes.**

L. BOARD OF EDUCATION- LIASON REPORT

1. John Ireland, who had been the Board of Education Liaison asked that the members of the Board consider becoming the Liaison.

M. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. John Ireland welcomed the newest members of the Board as well as thanked the Mayor and Julius Neto for their previous service to the Board.
2. John Ireland wants to reach out to the Board of Education to have a meeting for a mid-year update.

N. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Steve Wygonowski thanked everyone for being there and the Mayor for his support. He is looking forward to working together. Steve also mentioned working on looking at the budget process and procedures.

- O. GOOD AND WELFARE – Alternate Gail Richey introduced herself. Mayor Allan Spotts thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the members of the board. Ed Maley congratulated both the Mayor and the newest members of the Board

P. ADJOURNMENT

1. Ed Maley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Wygonowski seconded. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:57P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Kennedy

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Recording Clerk

