

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF FINANCE

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2009 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

PRESENT: Chairman/Regular Member, Chuck Lemmen; Regular Members Of the Committee: George Elling, John Allyn, Louis Timolat, Tom Grayson.

Also present: Patricia Mechare, First Selectman, Linda Paviol, Town Treasurer.

ABSENT: Regular Member, Kent Allyn; Alternate Members, Jeff Jasmine.

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Chuck Lemmen.

AGENDA

Public Comment: N/A

Reports:

-Secretary's Report (August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting): MOTION by Lou Timolat, seconded by Tom Grayson and carried unanimously, it was moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Treasurer's Report -(June, July, August 2009): Linda Paviol presented reports for June, July and August and gave an overview of the fiscal year-end report. Discussion regarding certain line-items and overall status of budget and funds. Paviol will find out about process for BOE payroll and report to BOF members at next regular meeting. MOTION by Elling, seconded by John Allyn and carried unanimously, to receive the Treasurer's Reports (June, July, August 2009) as presented.

-Tax Collector's Report (July and August, 2009): Overview of reports by Lemmen, followed by discussion. MOTION by John Allyn, seconded by Tom Grayson and carried unanimously, to receive the Tax Collector's Reports (July and August, 2009) as presented.

-Board of Education Report (Profit & Loss v. Actual 7/08 – 6/09): MOTION by Elling, seconded by Timolat and carried unanimously, to receive the Board of Education Report as presented.

-First Selectman's Report, presented by First Selectman, Pat Mechare:

-STEAP funds –Pat advised that there's been no update from the Governor and no funds have been released as of yet (pending applications: FVFD - \$300,000.00, Library - \$200,000.00);

-STEAP/107 Main Street – additional documentation requested and final docs now signed; project closed, however, money not yet taken from account by the State;

-STEAP/103 Main Street/FVCT – update: progress continues toward final Agreement; Attorneys need to connect; all parties anxious to get project underway; confirmation from State that two-year timeframe commences at signing of Agreement;

-STEAP/FVVFD -- paperwork almost completed for request of next (second installment) reimbursement, just waiting on some financial information from Linda Paviol, Town Treasurer. Pat will push for the funds to cover architectural and engineering costs, which should be considered as start work and site work costs;

-Water Tank project update – The sub-committee has come up with a new rate-system for water customers to pay for the \$350,000.00 project, plus funds for future maintenance and repairs. A site visit is scheduled for Wednesday for the location of the tanks. With regard to financing, the Town will probably proceed with a local Bank loan. It is hopeful that the new tanks will be installed before freezing weather,

inasmuch as the freezing weather could impact the connecting pipe that currently has water in it that poses a threat to the other tank. A public hearing will be required to approve the new rate system proposed, as well as for the borrowing of the funds to pay for the project. (Pat was advised to allow for the full 10 days to advertise the matters for Town meeting);

-Cell Tower update: the matter remains in court appeal, thus, no commencement of tower installation underway;

-Response from Dixon & Brooks regarding Timolat's concerns/questions pertaining to the Town waterworks and clarification on its status. Pat advised that she had received a verbal response indicating no change in opinion. Timolat advised that he was looking for answers to specific questions and that Dixon & Brooks should be contacted again to provide a response.

Communications: N/A

Old Business: N/A.

New Business: N/A.

Adjournment: **On motion by Timolat, seconded by John Allyn the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.; Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary.

Next BOF Regular meeting: October 5, 2009*.

*Columbus Day is celebrated on the second Monday, October 12, 2009. The regular meeting for that month has been scheduled for the previous Monday.