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**THOMPSON**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**

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**Minutes: Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
**Thompson Library/Community Center**  
**7:00 PM**

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Vice-Chairman Larry Groh Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

I. Roll call

- Members Present: Larry Groh Jr., Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann.
- Members Absent: Aaron McGarry and Susanne Witkowski
- Staff Present: Orla McKiernan-Rafferty, Diane Minarik, Recording Secretary
- Also Present: Members of the Public

II. Approve Minutes:

A. May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 5/17/18 Regular Meeting as written.**

Rob Mann Abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

**The motion carried.**

B. May 21, 2018 Special Meeting

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 5/21/18 Special Meeting as written.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

III. Correspondence

- A. BOF's monthly Budget Report
  - B. Email rec'd 5/18/18 re: TPS dates of events
  - C. BOE Agenda for Special Meeting on 5/24/18
  - D. BOE Agenda for Finance Sub-Committee Meeting on 6/11/18
  - E. BOE Agenda for Regular Meeting on 6/11/18
  - F. Email rec'd 6/11/18 re: Senior Walk on 6/12/18
  - G. BOE Agenda for Special Meeting on 6/20/18
  - H. Email rec'd 6/20/18 from BOS re: \$5K request from Building Committee
  - I. Handouts rec'd at the meeting:
    - a. BOS 6/5/18 Meeting Minutes re: \$19,900 request for Highway Dept.
    - b. Motion from BOS 6/19/18 Meeting re: \$5,000 request from Building Committee
    - c. DPW June 2018 Update
- A discussion ensued, The Board of Finance is now requesting:
- a. To receive, in writing, all motions for any dollar request on the BOF agenda, to be included in agenda packets.
  - b. All minutes of the BOS, BOE and TPS meetings be included on the agenda under Correspondence.
  - c. Monthly updates from the DPW and on the mill and economic development.

The date on this agenda is incorrect, the correct date is Thursday 6/21/18 not 6/19/18.

## IV. Citizen's Comments:

- o Steve Herbert, Wilsonville Rd, would like to speak on agenda item 5.B. and stated some decision are made last minute and Minutes or Motions might not always be available.
- o John B. Lenky, Brickyard Rd, likes the information trail discussed tonight.

## V. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update

- o Town was awarded the BAR Grant of \$170,000; the mill redevelopment is still moving forward; Quinn Shirt Shop also moving forward and hopes to have tenants in by late Fall; new website and PZC Zoning Re-write is also moving forward; replacing 3500' of water main pipe in Main St, Rawson Ave and Buckley Hill Rd and installing a fire hydrant in front of Town Hall; school signed contract with DATTCO; Halloran & Sage is the new Town Attorney
- o DPW Superintendent summarized his June 2018 update and invited the Board to take tour of the facility.
  - A. Requesting \$19,900 for the purchase of a bucket truck for the highway dept. The main boom is cracking after repairs last year so it needs to be replaced; the DPW Director and mechanic feel it's not worth fixing.  
**Rob Mann moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to transfer \$19,900 from the FY18 Contingency Fund to FY18 Rolling Stock Fund for the purchase of a bucket truck for the highway department.**  
**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Rob Mann moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to add to the agenda the Building Committee's request of \$5,000 for tank and pump deposit.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

- B. It will take too long, 10-12 weeks, for a tank to be built, if they have the deposit money available they might be able to buy one and have it online in 4 weeks. After further research \$5K isn't enough for a deposit which is 10% of the cost of a new tank.

**Rob Mann amended his motion and Jim Bellavance seconded the amendment to increase the Building Committee's request of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for tank and pump deposit.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Rob Mann moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to authorize the transfer of \$10,000 from Fund Balance to the Building Committee for a deposit on a tank and pump.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## VI. Melinda Smith: Education Update

- o None.

## VII. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report

- o Property Taxes total is \$16.185 M, current taxes are higher than last year and prior tax collections, Interest and Liens and Motor Vehicle Supplements are all lower than last year; received \$193 K in Grants; Local Revenue for the year is \$964 K; Expenses committed for the year is \$6,586 M; cash decreased by \$1.041 M for the month but up \$1.446 M from last year.

VIII. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update

- o None.

IX. New Business:

A. Review and Approve Tax Collector's Annual Suspense Request

Tax Collector gave a report on the Suspense Transfer and the monthly Collection; the Tax Sale Auction will be held on 8/22/18 and the new restaurant is not assessed yet and could potentially bring in \$60,000 in FY19.

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Jim Bellavance seconded the motion to suspend up to \$202,563.96 as presented by the Tax Collector.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Town Ordinance discussion:

The Board of Finance has no authority to change any Ordinances, tabled to a future meeting.

X. Old Business:

- A. Annual Report – a discussion ensued; tabled for a few meetings and will revisit it if/when changes to be made.

XI. Board of Finance Member's Comments: None

XII. Adjourn: **Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to adjourn.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr. adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

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Recording Secretary