



**Town of Thompson
Board of Finance**
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**Minutes – Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 15, 2019, 7:00 PM
Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chair Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present: Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Jim Bellavance, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann

Absent: None

2. Approve Minutes:

A. 6/20/19 Regular Meeting

Jim Bellavance moved and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to approve the 6/20/19 minutes as written.

The motion carried 6-0

B. 6/21/19 Special Meeting

Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to approve the 6/21/19 minutes as written.

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

C. 7/8/19 Special Meeting

Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to approve the 7/8/19 minutes with

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

3. Correspondence:

A. Email from Girl Scout Troop 65117

B. Updated Proposed FY20 Budget

C. Email from Selectman's Office re: Board/Commission/Committee Recording Secretaries

D. Email from Kimberly Austin asking if Community Fire Dept. will be on August Agenda since July's meeting was cancelled.

E. BOE Agendas for 7/25/19 – cancelled; rescheduled to 8/1/19

F. Email from Town Clerk re: FY19 Town Report

G. "You are invited" email from Town Planner re: follow-up to 6/5/19 event

4. Citizen's Comments: None

5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update

Paving on West Thompson Rd is complete, center lines will be installed at a later date, speeding complaints; base coat on Gawron & Brandy Hill Roads, catch basins being replaced the top coat will be installed; Sand Dam Rd culvert replacement project is almost complete, waiting on guardrail install, hopefully road open

tomorrow; referendum vote set for 8-21-19 12pm – 8pm; BOS will meet on 8/22/19 @ 1:00pm to hopefully set mill rate; Finance Director and DPW Director will be on WINY Radio Monday 8/19/19 @10:00AM to answer questions; Town received Community Facilities Grant for @ \$0.55 on the dollar for generator and security upgrades at the library and town hall; CUC/Marianapolis Sewer court case still in mediation, go to trial approximately in April towards summer; Mill redevelopment is still moving forward; USDA reduced financing rates from 4.25 to 3.5% (salt shed replacement); the School Safety Officer Program will be ready for the first day of school.

6. Melinda Smith: Education Update

School starts 8/28/19; 8/27/19 teacher professional development day to learn the new Student Information System, will send accurate data to State, parents won't have access until October; received USDA Farm to School Grant \$81,848.00; \$3,400.00 Teacher Fuel up to play grant; \$4,500.00 from International Paper for new Library books; \$3,000.00 CIACK Grant w/TEEG for mental health training for MS teachers; up to \$50,000 School Based Diversion Initiative Grant for MS & HS teachers; \$4,000.00 Regional Arts Grant for theater; Special Education budget is already over, budgeted for 16 students and currently enrolled 21 students; Dept. of Education asked BOE Finance Director for excess cost audit for FY17-18 and should be receiving \$41,000.00 back.

7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report

FY19 Report given; property tax total is \$16.9 M; rec'd \$12,769 in grants; Local revenue year total is \$956 K; committed expenses for year is \$6.907 M; cash decreased by 2.649 M; \$100K Surplus;

FY20 property tax total is \$68 K; rec'd \$0 in grants; Local revenue year total is \$57 K; committed expenses for year is \$1.4 M; cash decreased by 4.5 M; \$3 M in STIFF; \$2.2 M Surplus; Auditors will be here in October for their preliminary audit; Creating RFP for FY21-23 Auditors and will be sending to Town Attorney for approval and bring to the BOF for approval at their Sept. Meeting.

8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: Temporary Acting Chair, Bill Witkowski, stated no new business but will be meeting soon to discuss the Main St (old TEEG) building.

9. New Business:

A. Community Fire Department Building: Chief Sharpe gave an overview of the building and the reason for needing 6 more bays, just basic needs and regulated equipment and revamping old station for \$985,350.00. Discussion on fire tax districts vs Thompson vs Woodstock; grants; Bonding; River Mill project; Asked to be on 9/19/19 agenda to discuss Woodstock's financial model & 10/17/19 agenda to discuss Dayville's Fire Tax Districts.

B. Audit for FY2019-2020: Using other local town RFP's to create one for Thompson; BOF Members will receive a copy before 9/19/19 meeting;

C. Board/Commission/Committee Recording Secretaries: More info to come regarding spreading out work between recording secretaries.

10. Old Business: None

11. Board of Finance Members Comments:

- Girl Scouts email – Jessica Bolte is looking for someone from BOS, BOF & BOE to speak with her 2nd & 3rd grade Brownie Troop to give brief overview of how the Boards work together and how the Town runs for their Celebrating Community Badge, Susanne Witkowski volunteered to represent the BOF.
- Bill Witkowski respectfully requested the additional Excess Cost Grant money be turned over to the school. Discussion on how the grant came to be.

12. Adjourn.

Susanne Witkowski moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion carried unanimously 6-0

Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

08-15-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting