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**Minutes – Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room**

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call:  
**Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.**  
**Present:** Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Rhonda Rooney and Rob Mann  
**Absent:** Jim Bellavance
2. Audit Report was given by Ronald W. Nossek, CPA – Engagement Partner.
  - Steve Herbert, Wilsonville Rd, asked for the % of their accounts that have issues
  - BOE asked to receive all copies of reports the Town receives.
3. Approve Minutes:
  - A. 2/21/19 Regular Meeting  
**Rhonda Rooney moved and Rob Mann seconded the motion to accept the 2/21/19 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5-0**
4. Correspondence:
  - A. Board of Education: Agendas for several meetings, 2019-2020 School Calendar and Flyer for the **1989** production of The Wizard of Oz, Sunday 3/24/19 @ 2:00pm.
  - B. Emails from Finance Director re: 1) Grant Estimates in Governor's Proposed FY20 State Budget 2) Thompsons FY20 Budget Book and 3) Legal Costs of Starr Road litigation.
  - C. Email from 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman re: Budget Ordinance
  - D. Email from Assessor re: 2018 Grand List Increase
5. Citizen's Comments: None
6. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update:  
A hand out was distributed; the Branding Committee's "A Green and Growing Community" will be shown on Charters website at "[communityaccess.tv.viebit.com](http://communityaccess.tv.viebit.com)"; sewer mediation rescheduled for 4/11/19 with the mediator; oil spill mediation rescheduled for 4/17/19 in Hartford; BOS has hired a new Town Planner and will make it official at their 4/2/19 meeting; DEEP & EPA are reviewing the BERA report to resolve any issues and remediation on the River Mill redevelopment site; Update on MERS Litigation; Town Meeting is Monday 5/6/19.
7. Melinda Smith: Education Update  
Enrollment hand out was distributed; total enrollment 975; TPS is responsible for Special Ed testing for St. Joseph's school students also, regardless of the town they live in; MRFES has received NAEYC Accreditation again; new business partner MillTown Grille will donate 10% of all sales on Mondays in April to the Weekend Warrior Program, The 1989 production of The Wizard of OZ is on 3/21/19.
8. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report – None
9. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: None

10. New Business: None

11. Old Business:

A. Special Education Excess Costs – Atty. Slater is talking with Orla to understand to accounting part of this and is working on an opinion between their vacations. On 3/5/19 the BOE sent a letter to Town requesting the Special Education Excess Costs funds the town has already received. – No Action Taken

B. BOE – establishment of savings account with any remaining funds at years end up to 1% of the school budget as allowed under state statute, a lengthy discussion ensued, what monies school plan on putting into account and where to spend.

**Rhonda Rooney moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to establish a savings account with any remaining funds at years end up to 1% of the school budget as allowed under state statute.**

A lengthy discussion ensued on how to set up account and what it can be used for and reading of state statute – used for capital funds and emergencies, BOF has control.

A roll call vote was taken:

**Rhonda Rooney – Yes**

**Rob Mann – Yes**

**Larry Groh Jr. - Yes**

**Susanne Witkowski – Yes**

**Aaron McGarry – No** he wanted .5% not 1%

**Motion passed 4-1**

12. 12/26/18 amended draft of ORDINANCE No. 10-005 – still working on it – changing the Mill Rate increase from 2% to 3% for Town Meeting; changing \$25K to ½% & \$50K to 1%; keep budgets separate.

**8:20pm Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to take a 5 minute break. The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

**8:29pm The meeting reconvened.**

13. Budget Workshop: Starting with School Budget

- Impressive and responsible budget, discussion on why over budget on buses; Permanent Subs include benefits; daytime security force; pensions; health insurance change;
- For next week things to think about: Pg 7 Special Education Placement, start at \$0 next week; Finance Department Salaries; capital equipment;

14. Board of Finance Members Comments:

- Motion to adjourn made and withdrew by Larry Groh Jr.
- Continue this year the same way as last year with line item changes and motions.

15. Adjourn.

**Susanne Witkowski moved and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously 5-0**

**Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:03 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

Recording Secretary  
03-21-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting