



Town of Thompson Board of Finance

815 Riverside Drive
North Grosvenordale, CT 06255

Minutes – Board of Finance Regular Meeting Thursday, May 16, 2019, 7:00 PM Thompson Library/Community Center Meeting Room

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:
Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
Present: Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Jim Bellavance and Rob Mann
Absent: Rhonda Rooney
2. Approve Minutes:
 - A. 4/18/19 Regular Meeting
Susanne Witkowski moved and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to approve the 04-18-19 minutes as written.
The motion carried unanimously 5-0

Susanne Witkowski moved and Larry Groh Jr. seconded the motion to revisit and amend the 04/18/19 minutes, the correct budget amount voted on was \$26,450,414 not ~~\$26,560,414~~; minutes approved as amended.
The motion carried unanimously 5-0
3. Correspondence:
 - A. School Finance 101
 - B. Info from CCM re: State Budget & Grants to Thompson as of 5/2/19
 - C. BOF Department Budget
 - D. Board of Education 5/13/19 Agendas
 - E. Email from Tax Collector: timeline for meetings if budget doesn't pass on 5/20/19
4. Citizen's Comments: None
5. Kenneth Beausoleil: Selectmen's Update
He will be on WINY talk show 9am 5/17/19 to discuss budget; Budget reminder ads were run in Shoppers Guide, handouts given at transfer station and posted on town's website and social media pages; School Safety Program started 5/15/19 & Consultant Ben Barbour is doing great job meeting the needs of the school and the safety of our students; Hired new Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek & new Recreation Director Lesley Munshower; River Mill redevelopment is moving forward, developer has brought new tenants in; school oil spill litigation mediation is in its final stages, a resolution is possible in the next few weeks; Trinity sewer litigation/mediation is ongoing, list of expert witnesses have been given to the court as required; Mike M states he is still going to continue on the Quinn Shirt Shop.
6. Melinda Smith: Education Update
8th grade class is in Washington DC, students who didn't go have a curriculum matching those on the trip, assignments are do the week after; HS expanded their AP classes and are taking exams now; they are putting together a float for the Memorial Day Parade and both MS & HS Bands will march; Enrollment 979 in district; routine K-9 sweep was done today and nothing was found; handed out their Spring Newsletter.

7. Orla McKiernan-Rafferty: Financial Report
April 2019 report given; property tax total is \$16.8 M; rec'd \$3,745,433 in grants; Local revenue year total is \$824 K; committed expenses for year is \$6.085 M; cash increased by 2.749 M for the month; Auditors will be coming the end of June for their preliminary audit, FY20 is the last year of their contract, Orla will gather info for discussion on RFP.
8. Board of Trustees of the Tourtellotte Fund Update: No update
9. New Business: None
10. Old Business:
 - A. Update on Excess Cost Grant Reimbursement - Per the Finance Director, after all conversations and information received, all the Excess Cost Grant Reimbursement funds received in FY19 will be applied as a credit to a special education expenditure account of the BOE.
 - B. State Statue requirements for Annual Report – all departments listed in statue are required to submit a report annually; copiers have been serviced and ready to go; the Board has decided the cover will have the Wizard of Oz on it;
12. Board of Finance Members Comments:
 - Just a reminder to vote on Monday 5/20/19 – hope all is out supporting the budget.
 - School Security Grant is now from Homeland Security again and is also on the budget referendum voting sheet for Monday 5/20/19; discussion on what needs to be done depending on vote outcome.
13. 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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary

05-16-19 Minutes BOF Regular Meeting