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THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

Present:

George Seabourne, Mike Madow, R. Sileo, S. Turner, T. Duffany, Tracy Decker, and First Selectman Ed Mone. Luke Freimuth was not in attendance. Members of the community.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Seabourne.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by R. Sileo to approve the minutes of June 14, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by S. Turner. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business/Highway Department Request to Purchase Used Truck:

Glenn Clark, Superintendent of Highway Department, presented.

Glenn explained to the Board that he would like to replace truck #23 (a 1997 International originally purchased from the Town of Warren), which is currently on the Capital Improvements list for replacement at a cost of \$180,000 new. However, he has come across a 2011 International truck he is interested in purchasing from the Town of Killingly for \$44,900. This truck has only 33,000 miles on it as the Town of Killingly rotates out their vehicles after so many miles/years on the road. It is in great shape with no rust on frame. It also has poly-fenders which helps preserve the body.

We should be able to get at least 10 – 15 years out of this newer one. This vehicle will be available sometime mid-October, as Killingly is still using until they get their new one.

A motion was made by M. Madow to approve of the purchase of the 2011 International 7400 SFA dump truck from the Town of Killingly in the amount of \$44,900, subject to a town meeting. Motion was seconded by S. Turner. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business/Transfer Station Request to Purchase Storage Building for \$3,600:

Dennis David presented for the Transfer Station Committee.

Dennis comes before the Board to get approval on the purchase of a 12' x 8' outdoor storage shed. He explained that many times residents drop off items to the transfer station that the committee feels can be recycled/reused by others in need of such items. Three quotes were received as follows:

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| Best Built Sheds of Bristol | \$3,642.25 (which includes a discount of 15%) |
| The Barn Yard of Ellington | \$4,200.00 |
| Kloter Farms of Ellington | \$3,971.00 |

The Board of Selectmen has already endorsed the purchase of the shed, with an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

R. Sileo wanted to know how much of what we have now would be able to fit inside. Dennis said most of the less bulkier items. This one would be sufficient. M. Madow commented that we are hitting on something that other towns have been doing as well.

A motion was made by T. Duffany to approve an amount not to exceed \$4,000 taken from Contingency for the purchase of a 12 x 8 outdoor storage building manufactured by Best Built Sheds in Bristol to be used for recycled/reused items taken in at the Transfer Station. Motion was seconded by M. Madow. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business/Approval of the Expenditure of \$200,000 for Engineering for Road Rehab:

Sanitary sewer work is almost complete in the web area. We are now ready to move onto the next phase – road rehabilitation improvements throughout town.

First Selectman Mone has contacted and asked for proposals for engineering services from both town engineers; Tighe & Bond and Weston & Sampson. The services will include investigation, design, bidding assistance services, construction administration and construction observation. Tighe & Bond's proposal came in at \$181,000. BOS recommended adding a 10% contingency so we are still just under the \$200,000 threshold.

First Selectman Mone has also contacted the utility companies to make sure that if they have any work to be done in these areas, they do so now before road rehab is done as we have a moratorium. This work will be funded by short-term notes with anticipation of doing bonding down the road.

G. Seabourne asked if we have a timeline for this project. First Selectman Mone indicated that first it needs approval at the town meeting level, then hopefully we go out to bid over the winter, with construction beginning early Spring of next year.

A motion was made by T. Duffany to approve up to \$200,000 for engineering services for the following roads to be funded through short-term bonding notes:

High Street; Sanford Avenue; Randolph Avenue; Judson Street; Walnut Street; Woodruff Avenue; Williams Street; Tracy Street; Bradstreet Avenue; Dudley Avenue; George Street; Terrace Road and Hotchkiss Avenue.

Motion was seconded by R. Sileo. Motion carries 5-0.

New Business/Fire Department Aerial Truck Status:

Fire Chief Jim O'Neil and Glenn Clark presented.

The current aerial truck has been out of service for the last 6 weeks. Controller boards that control the "up and down" motion of the ladder is not working. This part is no longer manufactured, but Gowan is trying to fix. While down, we do have mutual aid when and if needed.

One option is to apply for federal money/grant. They will most likely come out sometime in October. It is good to show that the unit is 25 years old and unsafe. This plays well for the grant.

New Business/Authorize Bonding of \$2,302,492.00 for Phase II of Nystrom's Park Project:

Mike Burr was in attendance to present. It was suggested to bring this to a public hearing so residents can get an update on the progress at the park.

A motion was made by S. Turner to authorize an expenditure in the amount of \$2,302,492.00 to be offset by any grants that may be available for such project. Motion was seconded by R. Sileo. Motion carries 5-0.

Old Business – none.

Communication:

Letter from Julianne Ingham re: purchasing a piece of land adjacent to the cemetery (approximately 1/10th of an acre) on Cables Lane. The town has not been receiving any taxes for this property for about 20 years and, therefore, has been listed on the tax collector's suspension list. None of the adjacent neighbors have any interest in the property.

Selectman’s Report:

We are currently paying \$12,200 for annual monitoring fees for the town garage. Weston & Sampson indicates Phase II environmental investigation would be between \$40,000 - \$50,000. This includes about \$10,000 to perform the historical data evaluation and between \$30,000 - \$40,000 in Phase II field investigation costs. Estimated fee for remedial technologies is between \$100,000 to greater than \$1,000,000.

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Phase I web/road improvements. The road improvement plan presented does not necessarily mean roads will be done in this order. All roads are listed as category 4 or 5.

Additional engineering projects that will need to be done. Waiting on the second proposal from one of the town engineers for total construction on Walnut Hill Bridge.

Energy Performance contract shortfall. In order to bring shortfall current, JCI had discussions with Town to install LED lights instead throughout town. There is zero cost to the Town. There will be one full year of warranty on parts and labor. We will need to reserve money in capital non-recurring for maintenance.

Finance Director’s Report:

Presented FY 2015-2016 overruns over \$20,000. Transfer special education excess cost grants to offset BOE overrun of \$390,215.72. Selectman’s 2016-2017 budget will have an overrun in Veteran’s Memorial for paver in Hartford and \$250 for additional work in police department due to manpower shortage (luncheon).

Other bonding projects: \$725,000 WPCA phosphorous project; and
 \$355,000 Woodbridge pump station

Last year, we had a surplus of \$250,000.

Member Comment:

S. Turner – mayors w/CCM are looking at ideas for regionalization for taxation.

Public Comment:

Diane Labonte – did BOS recommend track to go to referendum? Yes.

A motion was made by R. Sileo to adjourn at 9:50 p. Motion was seconded by M. Madow. Motion carries 5-0.