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THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

Present:

George Seabourne, Mike Madow, Luke Freimuth, Steve Turner, Tom Duffany, Tracy Decker, and First Selectman Ed Mone. Also members of the community.

Frank Treglia was not in attendance.

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 L. Freimuth to approve the minutes of May 27, 2015 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business /Discussion of Minibus Purchase and Financing:

Glenn Clark, Highway Superintendent, was in attendance to present.

The town currently owns a 2002 Ford E350 minibus (handicapped/wheelchair accessible) which has approximately 99,600 miles and an estimated \$5,850 in repair costs. The most concerning issue, however, is the rotted floorboard underneath. The bus will soon be coming up on an

inspection prior to registration renewal in August and there is a concern it will not pass. It was thought we could get one more year out of.

Both Glenn and Ziggy took a trip to the State of Connecticut auction site and found two vehicles that were in good shape. They were both newer models; one with 52,000 miles @ \$9,200.00 and the other with 80,000 miles @ \$8,600.00. Unfortunately, these were sold. However, others continue to become available periodically.

Tracy Decker indicated that there are some unallocated capital funds of approximately \$13,000 left over from other capital projects than can be used. The proceeds from the sale of the current minibus can be used to defray the cost of the newer one as well.

A motion was made by M. Madow to amend the meeting agenda to add under "New Business/ Approval of the Sale of the 2002 E350 Minibus". Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by M. Madow to purchase a newer model minibus from the State of Connecticut auction site in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 with funding from the capital non-recurring fund. Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by S. Turner to approve the sale of the current minibus with the proceeds going to the capital non-recurring account. Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Purchase of New Truck for Highway Department and Financing:

Glenn Clark was in attendance to present.

At a previous BOF meeting, Glenn presented quotes for three different trucks. Two of the three trucks had Cummins engines which he felt were better suited for his needs. The Mack by Gabrielli Truck Builders is priced at \$166,830.00 with no trade-in given. The Freightliner 114SD by Freightliner of Hartford also has a Cummins engine and is priced at \$165,196.85, minus a trade-in of \$15,000.00 for the old 2005 International for a balance of \$150,196.85. This vehicle also has more options than other trucks in its class. It does not come with a plow as the department purchased one last year.

Tracy Decker indicated that some of our bans come due shortly and we can add this to it.

A motion was made by S. Turner to approve the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner 114SD per State of Connecticut Contract #14PSX0239 for \$165,196.85 and a trade-in of the 2005 International for \$15,000.00 credit for a total cost of \$150,196.85 to be financed by short-term borrowing and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for the call for town meeting to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business – none.

Communication

A motion was made by S. Turner to add discussion of the 1991 Rescue 4 engine under “Communications”. Motion was seconded by T. Duffany. With all in favor, motion carries.

Board received an email from the Board of Fire Commissioners re: disposition of Rescue 4. At their most recent monthly meeting, the Board of Fire Commissioners discussed the disposition. The dealer, New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus, offered the department \$14,500.00 for the old unit. The Board of Fire Commissioners believes the vehicle is worth more and feels they should be able to get a minimum of \$20,000.00 for it. They would like to have the opportunity of listing it in various places that would generate interest and offers. They need the town’s approval for this.

A motion was made by S. Turner to approve the sale of Rescue 4 engine to New England Fire Equipment & Apparatus for \$18,500.00 with the proceeds allocated to the purchase of the new fire truck and a \$7,800.00 balance to offset the 2014-2015 budget overrun of the Fire Department and \$1,259.90 to use for repairs. Motion was seconded by M. Madow. With all in favor, motion carries.

Financial Director’s Report:

We are over 100% on the revenue side.

Some departments will be over budget this year. The BOE deficit is now \$74,542.00 which dropped from \$140,000.00.

First Selectman’s Report:

First Selectman Mone indicated that the State budget passed, but has not been implemented yet. Going forward, there are some issues.

Also, the State healthcare plan is part of labor negotiations.

Member Comment – none.

Public Comment – none.

A motion was made by S. Turner to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by L. Freimuth. With all in favor, motion carries.