

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 15, 2019  
City Hall Auditorium**

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A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and Board of Finance Members, Laurene Pesce, Christopher Anderson, Chris Beyus, Mark Bushka, James Wright, and Lance Boynton.

City Comptroller Alice Proulx and Director of Public Works Jerry Rollett were also present.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Pesce, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held December 18, 2018. Mr. Bushka and Mr. Wright abstained.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public. No one from the public wished to speak.

**LIGHT FIXTURE REPAIR**

On a motion by Mr. Bushka, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Director, and authorize Melnick Metal Works, Inc. of Bristol, CT to complete the repair of two vintage light fixtures in the amount of \$5,800 to be paid from the facilities contingency line item, as described in Jerry Rollett's memo dated January 9, 2019; pending City Council approval on January 22, 2019.

The Board requested clarification regarding the placement of the light fixtures and the repairs needed to fix them. Mr. Rollett explained that the light fixtures are located at the Main Street entrance to City Hall and have broken collars that need to be replaced. He stated that the new collars should last approximately 50 years.

**BUSINESS: DEPARTMENT HEADS**

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by Department Heads. No business was reported.

**BUSINESS: MAYOR & MEMBERS**

On a motion by Mr. Beyus, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to consider business presented by the Mayor and Members of the Board of Finance.

Mr. Beyus requested an update on the pending purchase of the Franklin Street parking lot. Mayor Carbone stated that the Title Search is in progress and the City hopes to have the purchase completed by the end of January.

Mr. Boynton expressed his concerns regarding overtime costs for Public Works personnel during snow storms. Mr. Rollett addressed Mr. Boynton's concerns and discussed some of the challenges of shifting personnel schedules to treat winter weather.


Mrs. Pesce thanked Mr. Rollett for his service to the City of Torrington and congratulated him on his retirement. She questioned how the City would replace the Director of Public Works and Mayor Carbone stated that they are considering possibilities for restructuring the department and changing the job description.

Mrs. Pesce expressed her concerns and frustration regarding the state's pension crisis.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bushka, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Jonathan R. Draper, Asst. Clerk

ATTEST:   
CAROL L. ANDERSON, MMC  
CITY CLERK