

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held in the City Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Present were Mayor Elinor Carbone and Board of Finance Members James Wright, Laurene Pesce, Lance Boynton, and Christopher Beyus. City Comptroller Alice Proulx was also present. Board of Finance Members Mark Bushka and Christopher Anderson were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Beyus, seconded by Mr. Boynton, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held January 21, 2020.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

On a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to open the meeting to the public.

Chief David Maccaloux advocated for a stipend increase for the Drakeville and Tarringford Volunteer Fire Departments.

**DISCUSSION: Parking Meter Purchase**

The board discussed ways to offset the 6.35% state sales tax on parking meter revenue, and City Council's pending purchase of parking meters from the Traffic Capital Reserve for \$14,535. Mayor Carbone explained the revenue sources, including parking meters, parking tickets and parking leases. Mrs. Pesce noted that this is only affecting cities, as small towns don't have paid parking. Mayor Carbone noted that modern technology has to be a part of future meter purchases, and that there needs to be more discussion about the future of parking enforcement, including the meters. She said she doesn't see the city moving away from parking meters, but the parking rate should be discussed. Ms. Proulx explained there is about \$64,000 in the Capital Reserve from the sale of the parking lot at St. Maron's Church and it can be used for maintenance, upgrades or purchasing other lots. Mr. Beyus recommended that the Board of Finance join the Board of Public Safety when they discuss this again.

**BOE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On a motion by Mr. Beyus, seconded by Mrs. Pesce, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Board of Education's financial reports.

**BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS**

On a motion by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Board considered business by Department Heads. No business was presented.

**BUSINESS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

On a motion by Mrs. Pesce, seconded by Mr. Beyus, the Board voted unanimously to consider business by the Mayor and members of the Board of Finance.

Mr. Boynton urged the Mayor to continue working towards combined services with the Board of Education to reduce redundancies. He asked for a status report from the Economic Development Director.

Mrs. Pesce requested a report on the Revaluation and asked for information about funding the Internal Service Fund. Ms. Proulx replied that the outlook is not positive as the rates have gone up.

Mr. Beyus said he looks forward to working in cooperation with other boards during the upcoming budget season.

Mr. Wright asked if the Glenholme School coming to downtown has any implications for the city, and asked about the Five Points Gallery on University Dr. Mayor Carbone explained that the transitional school is good for the community, especially if any local students are served by the school. She said that Five Points has a tentative closing date for the beginning of March.

Mayor Carbone explained the next round of bonding which will be a little bit higher as it includes two additional projects. She spoke about vacancies in the Building Dept. and her efforts to reduce positions by combining the Blight Enforcement position with the Building Dept. Clerk position. Mayor Carbone described recent Blight Enforcement activities.

Mr. Beyus commended the Board for working so well together for the good of the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

*Carol L. Anderson*

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CITY CLERK