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BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2020

The Virtual Board of Finance Special Meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: Edward Bateson, Jim Brown-Chair, Lori Charlton, Christopher DeWitt-Vice Chair, Mary LeClerc-Secretary, Sheila Marmion, John Mitola, Jack Testani, James Walsh

ALSO PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE: First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick, Town Attorney James Baldwin, HR Director Jim Haselkamp, Budget Director Linda Gardiner, Interim CFO Caitlin Bosse, CAO Thomas Bremer, Conservation Director/Interim DPW Supervisor Brian Carey, FairTV Manager Gerry Speno, FairTV Commission Chair Stu Strezler, FairTV

1. Call to Order – Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brown reminded everyone that the public will not be heard by the Board and there will be no live public comment. He said the public is encouraged to email comments including their name and home address before or after the meeting to bof@fairfieldct.org.

3. Private Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Mr. DeWitt motioned to enter into Private Executive Session at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Mitola seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 9-0.

Mr. DeWitt motioned to reconvene into Public Session at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Marmion seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 9-0.

4. To Hear an Update on Issues Relating to the Fill Pile

Mr. Carey said the Town has been working diligently and went out to bid about month ago for the seven sites discussed at previous meetings. He said the Town received bids back on all of those sites. Mr. Carey said the Town submitted remediation plans to DEEP for review about two weeks ago and is waiting to hear back in order to move forward. He said contracts are signed and as soon as the Town hears from DEEP, it will begin remediation one site at a time.

Mr. Carey reported the file review investigation of the fill pile site is finished and there have been several meetings with DEEP. He said the Town is also waiting to hear back from DEEP to move forward with the landfill.

Mr. Carey confirmed the Town will continue to investigate Gould Manor Park, Penfield Pavilion and a few more sites. He said the Town is working on remediation plans and hopes to finalize the scope in the coming weeks when it could put together preliminary costs and send them to DEEP for a strategy.

Mr. Carey said he hopes to have all seen sites remediated with the \$1.8 million that was appropriated. He said the \$400,000 that he will ask to be transferred out of Debt Service is required to complete the landfill investigation and it is not included in the \$1.8 million of remediation funding. Mr. Carey said there is still an outstanding unencumbered balance available for the seven remediation sites and he is negotiating those costs. Mr. Brown said the Board will vote at its May 5, 2020 meeting to transfer the funds.

There was a Board discussion on legal fees. Mr. Bremer and Mr. Baldwin said the Town will track and obtain law firm Cohen and Wolf's arbitration numbers. Mr. Baldwin noted the Julian lawsuit court date is in July of 2020.

5. FAIRTV COMMISSION (Requires RTM Approval)

To consider and act upon the following resolution as recommended by the FairTV Commission:

“RESOLVED, that pursuant to Fairfield Code § 22-13, the FairTV Commission is authorized to submit grant requests to the Cable Advisory Council of Area 2 under the auspices of the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority; and

WHEREAS, the FairTV Commission submitted a \$81,963.45 grant request to Public Educational and Governmental Programming and Education Technology Investment Account (PEGPETIA) Grant Program for the purchase of certain equipment and related services, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman of the Town of Fairfield, is duly authorized to enter into and sign contracts on behalf of the Town of Fairfield with the PEGPETIA Grant Program for the purpose of obtaining said grant funding; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectwoman is hereby authorized to accept said grant on behalf of the FairTV Commission, to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required in connection with said grant, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Fairfield.

Mr. DeWitt motioned to approve the item. Ms. Charlton seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 9-0.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. DeWitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Testani seconded the motion which carried unanimously, 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Tesei
Recording Secretary