

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance held at 7:00 P.M., on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Members Present: First Selectman Freda, Mr. Monico, Mr. Hallahan, Mr. Doheny, Ms. Vissicchio, Mr. Lianos, Ms. Brown

Also Present: Director of Finance Edward J. Swinkoski

The following materials were either mailed to the members prior to this meeting or distributed at this time.

1. Agenda – November 13, 2019
2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2019
3. October 31, 2019 - Report of Budget
 - Report of Revenue
 - Special Funds
 - Board of Education Accounting
4. Municipal Grants FY 19-20
5. Resolution, \$2M School Security

MINUTES

After a brief discussion of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2019, Mr. Hallahan moved their acceptance, seconded by Mr. Lianos.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Yes |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF BUDGET, REVENUE, SPECIAL FUNDS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTING OCTOBER 31, 2019

Mr. Swinkoski referred to these reports stating that tax collections at the end of October were 56.5%. Mr. Swinkoski reviewed the expenditure report in detail. Further discussion followed. Mr. Lianos made a motion to accept the reports.

Seconded by, Ms. Vissicchio.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Yes |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SCHOOL SECURITY

At 7:20 PM, Mr. Monico made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss school security and invited Patrick Stirk, Jenn Kozniewski, Phil Diana, Anita Anderson, Edward Swinkoski, Thomas McLoughlin, and Kevin Glenn to attend.

Seconded by, Mr. Doheny.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Yes |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown – Yes | | |

At 8:10 PM, Mr. Monico made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Board of Finance.

Seconded by, Mr. Doheny.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Yes |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |

RESOLUTION, \$2M SCHOOL SECURITY

Mr. Hallahan wanted to know if a grant or any other programs were available to fund this expenditure. Mr. Monico said that the Education Department applied for a grant but were denied. Mr. Freda stated that we have to move forward with the bonding package but can still apply for grants. Mr. Hallahan inquired if a cost breakdown was available. Mr. Monico said that the presentation during executive session showed the costs involved. Mr. Doheny said that is was a very knowledgeable presentation which was well researched and we should move forward with the resolution.

Mr. Hallahan made a motion to table the resolution until the December Board of Finance meeting.

No one seconded the resolution. Motion denied.

Mr. Monico then moved the following.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of North Haven appropriate \$2,000,000 for the school security improvements; the appropriation may be spent on the acquisition and installation of equipment, furnishings and materials, and site improvements, including, but not limited to systems, alarms, remote software, displays and computers, servers and storage, identification systems, digital camera systems, video/intercom entry systems, radios, upgraded exterior lighting, door access controls, doors, tamper resistant glass, window replacement, window film, weather equipment, fencing, generators, training, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project; and that the Town issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance the appropriation.

Seconded by, Ms.Vissicchio.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Abstain |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |

POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Monico said that he would like to limit comment and that as Chairman he has the right to do so. Mr. Hallahan felt we shouldn't establish a hard rule. We should inform residents before public comment to be concise, keep on topic and be considerate of time. Mr. Doheny disagreed and said that many of the meetings have turned into a Q & A session. He stated he was in favor of the policy. A brief discussion followed.

Mr. Monico then moved the following:

Public comment is limited to five minutes per individual. After other attending members of the public have been given the opportunity to engage in public comment, any individual may speak for a second time, again limited to a five minute interval.

Seconded by, Mr. Lianos.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - No |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos - Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |

OTHER

Mr. Monico thanked Ms. Brown for her 12 years of service to the Board. He said that Ms. Brown was a great asset to the board and that the Board enjoyed working with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion followed for approximately 7 minutes with three residents asking questions and making recommendations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Vissicchio moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM, seconded by Ms. Brown.

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| VOTE: | Freda - Yes | Monico - Yes | Hallahan - Yes |
| | Doheny - Yes | Vissicchio - Yes | Lianos – Yes |
| | Brown - Yes | | |