

Call to Order

- Introduction and seating of members

The Chester Board of Finance held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Virginia Carmany, Joyce Aley, Jennifer Rannestad, Bob Gorman, Richard Nygard (seated for Cohen) and Charlie Park. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

- Approval of Minutes from May 15, 2014 and May 22, 2014

**Motion made and seconded to approve May 15 and May 22, 2014 Minutes as presented. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.**

New Business

- Other - none.

Reports

- Monthly Financials

Chairman Carmany noted the Monthly Financials look good.

- Consideration and approval of Bills and Transfers - none.

- First Selectman's Report

It was noted the Tax Collector's report looks good. The Tax Collector's office is preparing tax bills for mailing.

First Selectman Meehan reviewed Revenue noting everything is pretty much on budget. He reviewed monies received from the State of Connecticut. Under General Government, there is \$111,000 more revenue than budgeted. He noted property taxes will meet the projected target. License and Permit fees are up about \$13,000 over budgeted amount. The Ambulance transfer of \$30,000 still has to be done. Cedar Lake Shack rental is \$750.00. Meeting House rentals are up \$4,700. Region 4 had a \$60,000 surplus. Meehan noted Revenue is about \$200,000 ahead of projected amount.

First Selectman Meehan reviewed Expenditures. The budgeted amount was \$12,772,000 and as of June 16<sup>th</sup>, the figure is \$11,337,000. Bills are still coming. He noted some adjustments may need to be made in Public Works, Winter Maintenance and Street Lighting. There was a brief discussion regarding street lighting. The Town is looking at buying its own lights and/or switching to LED's. Meehan indicated \$32,000 was saved in medical employee benefits. There was discussion regarding lawn maintenance and the possible purchase of new equipment. This item always seems to go over budget. \$14,000 was encumbered to do catch basin cleaning.

First Selectman Meehan noted they estimated an adjustment of \$260,000 in revenue and \$16,800 in expenditures for the end of the year reducing the projected surplus of \$276,000. Meehan noted the only surprise was the \$89,000 for the State Trooper (union settlement and trooper went up a step) versus the \$82,000 budgeted.

First Selectman Meehan noted Tommy Saitta, member of Public Works crew, is retiring after 42 years serving the Town. He has done a great job during those years and will be missed. There have been 6 or 7 applicants for the part time summer work. An individual will be hired next week to fill that position.

First Selectman Meehan noted reclamation of Dock Road starts tomorrow and will be paved before the end of the week. Highfield and Brooks Lane are also on the schedule to be done during the month of July.

First Selectman Meehan noted North Quarter Park Committee has been meeting and will select a proposal by June 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a brief discussion regarding size of the building which would house the Library and community space. Meehan also noted the Library Building Committee has selected an architect from Rhode Island who will start immediately to put information together for the Library Grant application. It was noted the existing Library reverts back to the Church after two years of non-public use. There was a brief discussion regarding fund raising for this project.

A discussion was held regarding the timing of the Main Street Bridge Replacement and the Main Street Improvement (East) Project. EDC has been working with the merchants to put together a survival guide.

#### Business

- Review for comments - Letter regarding MBR Issue (if ready)

Chairman Carmany noted the letter was not ready. She asked First Selectman Meehan if the Town was going to ask for a waiver. Meehan noted in view of the reduction in enrollment numbers, he didn't think a waiver would be needed in future years.

Chairman Carmany noted further information will be forthcoming regarding regionalization of schools and declining enrollment.

- Review of expenditures from Contingency Accounts - none.
- Other - none.

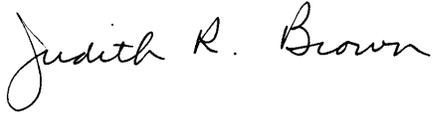
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Audience of Citizens - none.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary