



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND  
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# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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## BOARD OF FINANCE

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## REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7, 2017 MINUTES

**Board Members Present:** J. Rachek-Chairman, D Harding, M. Joyse, D. Olender, B. Pinto, M. Varney

**Others Present:** N. DiCorleto-Finance Officer, L. Spielman-First Selectman, S. Nicol-Supt of Schools, G. Feldman-Chief EVFD, N. Stillman-Pres. EVAC, Members of the EVFD and EVAC

### Call to Order

Chairman John Rachek called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

### Citizens Forum

None

### Approval of Minutes

**MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AS WRITTEN.**

**MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AS WRITTEN.**

### Financial Statements

The Finance Officer passed out a sheet showing the Governor's new Special Education Grant. He did a spread sheet showing the budget numbers for Special Education done by the Board of Education which would result in an excess of \$518,336 in grant funds. The Governor has shifted the ECS funds reduction to this Special Education Grant. He asked that the

Superintendent review these numbers and get back to him so that he can include it in his budget message. Superintendent Nicol agreed and stated that the cuts to the budgets have to be reasonable so not to hurt the town and the schools. He feels that the reduction in state aid is not hurting Ellington as much as other towns that were receiving ESC funds when their school populations were declining. They are the ones receiving the larger reductions. The Governor's final budget will not be known until the end of the summer. He does not feel that all the items in the Governor's proposed budget will pass the legislature.

Mr. DiCorleto stated that he is working on getting the budget tables completed for the upcoming hearings.

## **New Business**

### **Approval and Acceptance of Bid for EVFD Pumper**

Mr. Olender made the following motion on the Pumper Bid:

**MOVED (OLENDER) SECONDED (JOYSE) TO AWARD THE TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER BID FROM FIVE STAR OF HARTFORD, CT, NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$662,696.36. FURTHER TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF J. LYONS FIRE CONSULTANTS, LLC AS AN APPARATUS CONSULTANT TO SERVE AS THE CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVE TO EVALUATE THE BID, NEGOTIATE THE PRICE AND PERFORM A QUALITY ASSURANCE INSPECTION (TWO-DAY PROCESS) ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 AND CHARGED TO THE PUMPER BUDGET. FURTHER TO DIRECT FIVE STAR OF HARTFORD, CT TO WORK WITH J. LYONS FIRE CONSULTANTS, LLC, BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEMBER DAVID STAVENS AND BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBER DAVID OLENDER TO PERFORM VALUE ENGINEERING ON THE FIRE APPARATUS.**

Lori Spielman, First Selectman suggested that a member of the Ellington Center Fire Dept. be included on the committee for the value engineering. All agreed.

**MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (PINTO) AND APPROVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE COMMITTEE TO PERFORM THE VALUE ENGINEERING ON THE FIRE APPARATUS.**

**AMENDED MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Chief Feldman asked why they needed a consultant. Mr. Rachek stated that the boards want to make sure the town is buying what it needs. This is going to be a tough budget year and they want to take another look at it. He stated that the Board of Finance appreciates all the fire department does.

## **Old Business**

None

**Liaison Reports**

None

**Adjournment**

**MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 PM.**

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary