

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Craig Baldwin, Selectmen Barry Jessurun, Donna Smith.
Also present: Pam Lewerenz, John Lewerenz, Maureen Nicholson.

Regular Meeting – Open Meeting – C. Baldwin opened meeting at 8:06 AM.

1. **Approve Minutes of October 2, 2017** – D. Smith moved to approve minutes. B. Jessurun seconded. All in favor.
2. **Items to Add to Agenda** - None
3. **Citizen's Comments and Correspondence** – M. Nicholson stated that she was disappointed that the Board of Finance had not been presented with the option of a bridge loan with regard to the TAP Grant as an alternative to the use of the General Fund.

II. New Business

1. **Discussion and Possible Approval of Farmers Abatements Ordinance**
– C. Baldwin presented language for exemptions regarding farm machinery and buildings. B. Jessurun asked if the Board of Finance or Town Attorney had reviewed language. With the State budget still not passed and impact to the Town unknown he thought this may be bad timing. D. Smith agreed. A brief discussion followed and these Ordinances will not be pursued at this time but could again be taken up with Board of Finance and Town Attorney review.

III. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** - None
2. **General Discussion/TAP Grant** – This grant of 5.3 million was awarded to the Town as a reimbursement grant for the construction of 2 bridges, 2 culverts, and 3 grade crossings along the Air Line trail. It was presented to the Board of Finance at their last meeting. As it is a reimbursement grant invoices would be paid from the General Fund and reimbursed by the State. The Board of Finance had concerns with over-extending the Town, especially in light of the unknown State budget. Once a State budget is passed the Finance Board is willing to re-visit this TAP Grant. This item will be dropped from the Town Meeting Call of October 24th. D. Smith asked about the storm drain issue on Babbitt Hill Road. C. Baldwin has spoken with the State Police and it is being pursued by them. B. Jessurun asked about the speed signs recently discussed and how they were to be paid for. The money will come from Town Aid Roads. They are DOT authorized signs and will lash to telephone poles. They can be moved to locations where there is a need.
3. **Project Updates** – The DOT inspector has been out to look at the sidewalks. Some re-angling may need to be done on some of the ADA ramps. The library parking lot extension is moving forward. The plan has been approved by Planning and Wetlands. The Town continues to work with DEEP for the easement to run the sewer line down the Air Line Trail.

Firehouse extension is moving forward. The EOC is in Building Committee and expected operating costs are currently being estimated.

4. Tax Refunds/Abatements: As Attached - None

IV. Current Business

- 1. Discussion/Possible Approval – Financial Policy Regarding FY End Procedures and Requirements** – This policy has been reviewed by Board of Finance and Board of Education. C. Baldwin has received notice from the Superintendent that they see no issues with it as proposed. The Board of Finance discussed briefly at their last meeting and one member will forward her comments to Craig.
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – M. Nicholson stated that the Board of Finance did not approve the Financial Policy. She commented on the amount of time since the TAP Grant was awarded and that it was ample to look into BANs or bridge loans, eliminating the need to go to the General Fund. She stated that she felt additional and better information should be public before this goes to a vote.

V. Adjournment – B. Jessurun moved to adjourn. D. Smith seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved_____