

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 AT 6:30 PM
PCS CONFERENCE ROOM**

In Attendance: Board Members Ken Kristal, Jorge Martinez, Carolyn Gerrity, Alyson Aleman, Michael Baum. Also present: Superintendent of Schools Matt Bisceglia, First Selectman Maureen Nicholson.

- I. Open Regular Meeting** – Meeting opened at 6:30 by K. Kristal.
 - a. Approve Minutes Meeting of November 12, 2013** – M. Baum moved to approve. J. Martinez seconded. All in favor.
 - b. Items to be added to Agenda** – K. Kristal moved to add Discussion and Possible Action to New Business for General Government Fund transfers for completed projects. Duly seconded. All in favor.
 - c. Citizen's Participation** - None

- II. New Business**
 - a. School Technology & Security Grants-Discussion & Possible Action** – Dr. Bisceglia provided an overview of two grants available to the BOE. One would fund enhanced school security and the second is a technology grant. The BOE would have to supply some matching funds in order to qualify for these awards. K. Kristal moved to recommend an additional appropriation in the amount of \$120,085 to the General Government Budget, Capital Non-Recurring for the School Security Grant project and the Technology Grant project (to be called the Grant Projects) with revenues estimated in the amount of \$ 77,667 from the State of Connecticut and \$42,418 coming from the BOE Contingency General Fund, contingent upon notification from the State that all stated funds are available. A. Aleman seconded. Discussion. All in favor.
 - b. CL&P Proposed Temporary Easement-Discussion & Possible Action** – M. Nicholson stated that CL&P has proposed this 3-year easement in order to construct two of the 17 towers they are running through town. They have offered their standard amount of \$1,000 to the Town. Some discussion. J. Martinez stated that he would like to be provided with more background information for items that come to the Board for approvals. Discussion. J. Martinez moved to approve the CL&P temporary easement on the Murdock property and to accept the fee of \$1,000. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor.
 - c. General Government Fund Transfers-Discussion and Possible Action** – There were a number of PCS Building projects and town projects that have been completed and debit or credit balances remain in these funds. M. Nicholson provided a list of proposed transfers to clear these accounts. These were reviewed and discussed by the Board. Some discussion about

how to eliminate the over-spending of these lines. J. Martinez moved to approve the transfers as presented. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

- a. Treasurer's Report - None**
- b. Tax Collector's Report - None**
- c. Assessor's Report - None**
- d. Board of Education Report** – A. Aleman attended the last Board of Ed meeting and reported that discussion had taken place regarding the Vocational Agriculture program at Killingly High School, that the BOE budget remains on-track, and an Enrichment Specialist and School Psychologist are needed staff positions.
- e. Board of Selectmen Report** – M. Nicholson stated that the Sewer Project is currently waiting for the results of a study that Rectory, Pomfret, and Loos are having done regarding possible routes. She had some concerns about the power shut-off at the old Steak-Umms facility, however, there has been some recent activity there which is encouraging. The Town has offered use of its facilities if needed by the First Congregational Church after the recent devastating fire to that building.
- f. Board of Finance – Member Reports & Discussion - None**

IV. Other Business

- a. Review & Possible Approval of BOF 2014 Meeting Schedule** – Review of meeting schedule and possible workshops. Determination was made to schedule the regular meetings for 2014 and decide specific workshop and forum dates once they got into the budget process. J. Martinez motioned to approve the regular monthly meetings as presented. A. Aleman seconded. All in favor.

V. Correspondence – K. Kristal distributed a letter received from Bill Hull stating concerns over the ever-increasing tax burden. Some discussion.

VI. Citizen's Participation - None

VII. Adjournment – M. Baum moved to adjourn. C. Gerrity seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved _____