

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2013**

The Milford Board of Finance held their Regular Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2013, in Conference Room B of the Parsons Complex. Acting Chairman Lema called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Board Members Present

Brian Lema  
Scott Marlow  
Joseph Fitzpatrick  
Mickel Montano  
Joseph Castignoli (6:36 p.m.)

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
Peter Erodici, Finance Director

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Marlow and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to elect Mr. Lema to serve as the Chairman.

Mr. Marlow stated Mr. Lema has done an excellent job running the Board and that he believed he would continue to do so.

There being no further nominations, nominations for Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Montano made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Marlow as Vice Chairman.

There being no further nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Minutes of December 17, 2012**

Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 26, 2012, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

None.

**New Business**

- A. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration Of An Ordinance Appropriating \$8,522,060 For Various School Improvements And Authorizing The

Issuance Of \$8,522,060 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Mayor Blake stated the vast bulk of the bonding is associated with East Shore Middle School. He explained in the past the city has bonded and then gone out to bid. He stated in this case they went out to bid and the low bid for the second phase of the East Shore project was Bismark Construction. Mayor Blake stated the bonding does not include FF&E and add alternates for the project. He stated if the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee is able to value engineer the project they may be able to add these items. He stated the second part of the Ordinance is for security upgrades at all of the schools. He stated these upgrades have been on the Capital Improvement Plan, but are being moved up. Mayor Blake stated members of the Board of Education were present as well as the Permanent Schools Facilities Building Committee chairman.

Mr. Marlow asked for an explanation as to where they are with the project at this point and if there is likely to be another phase to the project.

Chairman Woods stated they are not sure how much they will be able to accomplish because the contractor had not completed his value engineering. He explained those items not included in this phase of the project included the bus canopy, bathroom renovations and FF&E. He stated it was the consensus of the committee to give the school a constructed school and then furnish it later. Mr. Woods stated they expect to spend the entire contingency before Phase II is done. He stated if there is a phase III, they would do the FF&E and also the “stench” drainage/grease trap to fix the odor.

Mr. Marlow asked if the bathrooms were in the next phase.

Mr. Woods stated the bathrooms are usable, but they are the original outdated bathrooms.

Mr. Silver, Silver Petrucelli Architects stated the bathrooms need modernizing because they are 1949 bathrooms.

Mr. Woods added those bathrooms were designed for elementary school age children.

Mr. Marlow asked if there was any value to the planning.

Mayor Blake stated the project was on the Capital Improvement Plan three years ago for around \$6 million. He went on to explain the history on the project which included bonding for the architects. Mayor Blake stated the work would enhance the education at the school and that it is a school that would last long into the future. He stated in terms of a Phase III, if there is one, some of the items would be addressed in that phase.

Ald. R. Vitali stated the FF&E is still not part of the physical plant. He stated completing the physical plant was most important. He stated the bus canopy of part of that, but in this plan is being eliminated. He also spoke about safety. He reiterated getting the physical plant done is most important and that the current funds just were not adequate.

Mr. Marlow if the bus canopy was part of the value engineering.

Mr. Woods replied yes. He stated also part of the project is the re-roofing of the building. He stated one item being discussed is not roofing over the gymnasium at this time.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the anticipated cost of the whole project to the final phase.

Mr. Woods stated the best gauge would have been the bid. He stated when the bid was opened on April 26, 2012; there were 9 bidders with estimates ranging from \$14,500,000, including FF&E to \$18,500,000 for the entire project and a contingency for financing costs and then construction administration and soft costs as well as PCB potential.

Mr. Fitzpatrick as if it was looked at originally.

Mr. Woods stated it was part of the original project.

Mr. Silver explained the \$15.7 base bid.

Mr. Fitzpatrick commented the project could end up costing \$19 million by the time it is completed.

Mayor Blake explained the history of the costs.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if the security upgrades would cover all the schools.

Mayor Blake stated school administration, along with Chief Mello have begun a review. He stated the monies being allocated would get things started.

Mr. Silver added the work would include more cameras and monitoring. He stated these upgrades were all pre Sandy Hook upgrades and does not include ballistic glass.

Mr. Fitzpatrick commented they are bonding now, but it seemed it would be likely they would have to bond for more security.

Chairman Lema asked the scope of the bonding for the work in Phase I.

Mr. Woods stated the primary component was the eight classroom addition, the media center work and the art/music addition as well as the cross connector to the main building. He stated there are also mechanical and electrical upgrades as well. He stated Phase II is the cafeteria and kitchen work as well as replacing the entire roof and sprinklering the entire building. He stated it also included HVAC and replacing the windows. He went on to explain the discussion regarding ballistic glass but if the windows contain PCB's, it would drive the cost up extensively.

Mr. Marlow asked if the Committee should be looking at spending more money on the project.

Mr. Woods stated if there is going to be a Phase III, and then the project could be finished. He reminded the Board this school will be around for the next.

Ms. Montano asked if the bus canopy would be the only part of the project left out.

Mr. Woods replied it would be the bus canopy and bathrooms.

Mr. Silver stated the educators had asked that the bus canopy be included. Also, any lockers, network equipment, security equipment and bathroom work. He stated they would look for savings in value engineering.

Mr. Woods stated Mayor Blake has included the \$561,000 in contingency in the bonding package. He explained a healthy contingency is necessary in a project this size because one never knows what you will find when you tie into a wall of an existing building. He stressed the committee is not trying to spend all the money, but funds will be tight.

Ald. Vitali interjected that the bathrooms will still be the old 1950's bathroom and there will be no canopy. He stated he would like to see it all done.

Mr. Marlow asked if there would be a next phase to the project if these items could not be value engineered.

Mr. Woods stated the committee does not know what will be in Phase III.

Ald. Vitali stressed the importance of getting the physical plant done.

Mr. Marlow stated he wants to get the school done, but the only option now seems to get the best value engineering.

Mayor Blake stated it was important to keep balance in mind. He stated the cost is still more than was expected a year or two ago. He expressed his hope the committee could do some value engineering or redesign, certainly in the kitchen area.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Mr. Marlow and Mr. Castignoli made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$7,326,600 For Various Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$7,326,600 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending the Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if the bonding was for citywide roads and curbing.

Mayor Blake explained over the course of a normal year the city allocates \$750,000 for road work. He stated the thrust of this year's Capital Improvement Plan they are looking to connect the downtown area with safe roads to our schools and parks. He stated it included walking and bike routes.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Mayor what areas he was referring to.

Mayor Blake stated some of the areas that have been identified include Seaside Avenue, Noble Avenue and those roads that carry into the downtown area. He stated basically they are looking to ease parking in the downtown area by having safe walking paths.

Chairman Lema asked the Mayor if he also stated bike lanes.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the COTT system upgrade. He stated he thought the city was already doing that.

Mrs. Stock responded she has been asking for it every year, but she had been denied. She explained the software provider will no longer support the current system.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about disaster recovery and the fire wall.

Ms. Lasczak stated they are migrating away from the fire walls they currently have and explained the new system, which she stated is currently in place in the fire department and will be at the police department. She stated disaster recovery is separate and in place to protect the city's assets. She stated they continue to do back-ups and that also of this is needed because of document retention requirements. She cited as an example the amount of paperwork Irene and Storm Sandy garnered with the amount of data. Ms. Lasczak stated security and integrity of data is most important.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Mr. Castignoli and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,028,825 for the Design And Construction of Sanitary Sewers And Authorizing The Issuance of \$3,028,825 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Chairman Lema stated he would recuse himself from voting on this because as he has had some interest in this through his law office. He turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Marlow.

Mr. Macaluso, principal of Westcott and Mapes explained the sewer work is for Rosemary Court and Grove Street. He explained at one time they used to request the bond prior to the bid; however, the bids would always come in more. He explained this time they put it out to bid after the design. He stated there were three bidders, with the apparent low bidder being Ray Camputaro. He stated the Sewer Commission has approved the contract contingent on this Board and the Board of Aldermen's approval. Mr. Macaluso explained this project goes back 10 years mostly because they needed to find a location for the pump station, which he stated was a lengthy process. He continued with the background of the project leading to today. He stated there are many residents on Grove Street and in that area with failing systems. Mr. Macaluso also commented he believed this bonding is an amendment to the original bond.

Mr. Erodici stated this is a new project related to the old project. He explained they have not actually borrowed the money as yet and that it is a budgeted amount.

Mr. Macaluso also explained the infill project on High Street, Wilson Street and Raton Drive adding this is for design purposes only.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the timeframe from this phase to when the sewers will actually be in the ground.

Mr. Macaulso stated they still needed to get Inland Wetland approval and well as Planning and Zoning and DEP approvals. He stated once they have the designs it is likely to be 10 months to a year.

Mr. Castignoli stated he understood the project to be 5,000 linear feet.

Mr. Macaluso replied that is correct and explained it is an infill project because it is not a contiguous piece.

Motion carried 4 yes (Marlow, Montano, Fitzpatrick, Castignoli) and 1 abstention (Lema).

Chairman Lema resumed the Chair.

### **Staff Report**

None.

Chairman Lema stated he wished to officially welcome Mr. Castignoli to the Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Montano made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary