

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2018**

The Milford Board of Finance held its Regular Meeting on Monday, January 29, 2018, in Conference Room B of the Parsons Complex. Acting Chairman Lema called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Brian Lema
Joseph J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Joseph Castignoli
Scott Moulton
Lauren Secondi

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Peter Erodicti, Finance Director
Dr. E. Feser (BOE)
J. Burt (BOE)
M. Berkowitz (MPS)
P. Bradbury (MPS)
J. LaSala (MPS)
A. Vitelli (MPS)
V.J. Sarullo (MPS)
Chief D. Edo
C. Saley

Acting Chairman Lema welcomed everyone to the January meeting and extended a Happy New Year to all.

Mayor Blake welcomed the newest member to the Finance Board, Scott Moulton. Mayor Blake stated Mr. Moulton was the former chairman of the Milford Chamber of Commerce and the former president of Devon Rotary.

Chairman Lema thanked former BOF member, Mickel Montano for her hard work and efforts, adding the Board would miss her and wished her well.

III. Consideration of Minutes of December 18, 2017

Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 18, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Castignoli and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Lema to serve as Chairman.

Being no further nominations, Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi moved to close nominations for chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion to nominated Mr. Lema as Chairman, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi made and seconded a motion to nominate Mr. Fitzpatrick for Vice Chairman.

Being no further nominations Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi moved to close nominations. Motion carried unanimously.

On the motion to nominate Mr. Fitzpatrick as Vice Chairman, motion carried unanimously.

B. Mr. Castignoli and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #5, Fund 10, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #6, Fund 10, FY 18. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lema stated he would entertain a motion to re-order the agenda and bring forward item V-E.

Mr. Castignoli and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to re-order the agenda to bring forward item V-E. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Mr. Castignoli and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,828,000 For Various School Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$3,828,000 Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Mayor Blake referenced all four bonding Ordinances and pointed they are smaller bonding requests than normal. He stated the school projects are reimbursable, but pointed out the rate had gone down. He also stated the police station project would be coming to the Board for consideration.

Chairman Lema noted for the record, Dr. Feser and members of the Board of Education were present.

Dr. Feser thanked the Mayor for including the building projects in the Ordinance. She stated Justine LaSala, along with Max Berkowitz, Principal at Foran High School and Pat Bradbury, Maintenance/Director of Facilities, along with Mr. Burt and the athletic directors from both high schools were present.

Mr. Castignoli asked about the upgrades to the planetarium.

Ms. LaSala explained the upgrades would depend on the options selected going forward. She stated currently the console is not functions and the company that provided support no longer does so. Ms. LaSala stated they are thinking ahead to revamp the system and bring it to a modern planetarium that could be utilized by the district and community.

Mr. Castignoli asked about the \$528,000 price tag.

Mayor Blake pointed out there is a 10% finance charge included in the \$528,000 figure.

Mr. Burt added the planetarium is original to the school. He stated equipment is included in the figure, along with chairs and more.

Mr. Bradbury stated the projector, along with the cable would be replaced as well as the chairs, which he stated are cast based and cracking. He explained basically the planetarium would be gutted to the center core and replaced.

Ms. LaSala estimated the cost of equipment around \$350,000-400,000. She also stated the dome would need to be cleaned.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the equipment and the longevity of the equipment and changing technology.

Ms. LaSala stated they are looking at digital and a digital/optical projector and explained the differences. She stated the longevity is approximately 40 years.

Ms. Secondi asked how often the students use the planetarium.

Ms. LaSala stated there is an astronomy course offered at the high school. She also stated the planetarium is used by the 8th graders and 5th graders for programs that align with the curriculum. She also spoke of "Jazz Under the Stars" which is put on by the Foran band. Ms. LaSala stated the goal is for the planetarium to be utilized within the community. She also mentioned the new science standards, *Next Generation Science Standards*.

Chairman Lema thanked Ms. LaSala for the information.

Mr. Fitzpatrick expressed concern with the costs for the athletic facility improvements and asked for details of the proposed work.

Mr. Bradbury stated the infrastructure at both high school fields is in need of revamping. He stated the work would include the resurfacing of the track area, a new entrance at Foran, upgrades to the LED, the field house at Foran, new bleachers at both high schools and new scoreboards in the gymnasiums at Law.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the security upgrades

Mr. Bradbury explained they are State mandated for all front (main) entrances. He stated they have to be updated where the public enters the building. He stated they would be replaced with glass proof/bullet proof.

Mayor Blake added the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan calls for security upgrades and enhancements at all schools, except West Shore Middle School, which is being done with the current renovation project.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,875,000 Public Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance of \$6,875,000 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 2003 pumper was still in service.

Chief Edo stated yes. He explained the 2003 pumper is Engine 6 which is used in the beach and has a great deal of corrosion which is picked up from the salt, etc from the roads. He stated they typically try to get 15-20 years out of a vehicle. He also noted they delayed the ambulance for now.

Mr. Moulton asked the age of the next oldest truck.

Chief Edo replied a 2007 truck.

Chairman Lema thanked Chief Edo for attending tonight.

Mr. Castignoli asked the miles of roadway that had been replaced and cost.

Director Saley stated it typically costs \$200,000 to restore a typical center road. He stated other wider roads would cost more. Director Saley stated included in the paving are parking lots, sidewalks, community centers, etc.

Mayor Blake stated there is 230-240 miles of center road in the city and that each year they need to do 15-20 miles.

Chairman Lema asked about the underground storage tanks.

Director Saley stated there are two (2) 10,000 tanks left. He stated insurance is no longer available.

Chairman Lema asked about lighting.

Director Saley stated they will be replacing the lighting at some of the courts with LED lights.

Mayor Blake added that Milford secured a grant for a pickle ball court and a splash court which will be located at Eisenhower Park.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the playground upgrades.

Mayor Blake stated the cost to replace the pocket playgrounds is approximately \$15,000 per year. He stated there are also the bigger playgrounds such as Eisenhower, Fowler Field, etc, which are larger. He stated the boiler at the McCann natatorium needs replacing which is approximately \$50,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Mr. Castignoli and Ms. Secondi made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,600,000 For the Design and Construction of Sanitary Sewers And Waste Water Facilities And Authorizing The Issuance of \$2,600,000 Bonds Of The City of Milford Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked about the sanitary sewer force main replacement.

Director Saley explained how each of the pump stations use a force main. He stated the pump stations are expensive to maintain.

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Staff Report

No report.

VIII. Adjourn

Being no further business, Chairman Lema declared the meeting adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary