

**New Hartford Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
June 14, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Kerry Guilfoyle, Members: Lou Helt, Charlie Neale, Alternates: Allen Voghel.

Absent: Ben Witte, Dan Charest, Paul LeClair and Ryan Bingham

Also present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Town Treasurer Gordon Ross, BOE Chair Karl Hermonat, Mary Beth Greenwood, Jack Casey and Kathryn Boughton (reporter Republican American)

Chairman Guilfoyle opened the meeting at 7:02 pm

Seating of Alternates Allen Voghel was seated for Ben Witte

There were no changes to the agenda.

Updates New Hartford BOE – BOE Chairman, Karl Hermonat

Mr. Hermonat reported that a section of pre-school is being added to the program for 2022/2023. The addition of this teacher will be partially paid for with tuitions. The cost for two classrooms is \$200,000. Supt. Murphy feels comfortable absorbing the rest of the cost in the budget. There are 18 children per class. This will only be for one year. One kindergarten class will be reduced for next year. The Board of Education will be coming in slightly under budget.

Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2022, Special Meeting

As there were no changes to the minutes, Chairman Guilfoyle deemed them as approved.

Communication and Other Items Presented to Board

None

BOF Alternate Vacancy

Meet DTC Endorsement Jack Casey

Chairman Guilfoyle said the DTC endorsement to fill the alternate vacancy on the board is Jack Casey. Mr. Casey lives on Cedar Lane, former business owner and was on the Board of Selectmen for four years. He currently works for the company that purchased his company, Capital Infrastructure Group.

Discuss and take action on BOF Alternate Vacancy

MOTION by Ms. Helt to approve Jack Casey as our DTC recommendation Alternate. Second by Mr. Neale.

Unanimous

First Selectman Jerram swore Jack Casey in as an alternate.
(Jack Casey was seated for Dan Charest.)

Discussion and Approval of Appointment of Auditor

Chairman Guilfoyle said a letter had been sent inquiring as to who were our auditors. King & King, located in Winsted, have been the town auditors for several years.

MOTION by Ms. Helt to approve King & King as our auditors. Second by Mr. Casey.

Unanimous

Reports

Bookkeeper: Revenue & Expenditures Fiscal YTD and Previous Fiscal YTD

First Selectman Jerram reported that the expenditures are typical for this time of year. Dave and his crew have been working recently on West Hill Road. They will be moving to Farnsworth Road to do some drainage work. Chip sealing will also be done on various roads. The Recreation and Senior Director position has been combined. The job description has been retooled. An offer has been made and not yet responded to.

Treasurer Report

Mr. Ross reported that the Fed's are raising the interest rate this week and probably more by the end of the year. Money market rates are picking up. Mr. Ross asked about the ARPA Funds. First Selectman Jerram reported that the first check request for the ARPA funds will be for the ambulance. Mr. Ross inquired how much will be spent in town, such as town businesses, town contractors. Mr. Jerram said \$985,000 was approved. When we talk about the park and other town localities, the local businesses will be able to bid on those jobs. The 2nd check will come in not less than one year from when the first one was received. The 2nd check will be for the same amount.

First Selectman's Report

Water Asset Updates - First Selectman Jerram said the contract of outstanding is done. Final copies with all the exhibits are being compiled. The application draft was given to them about a month ago. The contract of sale is done.

ARPA Updates - The ARPA money will start to flow on July 1st. A good portion will be in the next fiscal year and the year after. More requests have been made. Mr. Casey asked if there will be a potential opportunity for local restaurants. Mr. Jerram said there is relief for businesses and at the initial meeting, 3 restaurants made a request.

Historic Document Fund Discussion – The town clerk over the years has submitted for state grant funds that have been signed off on to digitize the land records. This is a grant that has flown under the radar. It is considered a non-major fund - on page 74 of the audit - we have about \$16,000 in there. The former town clerk for many years applied for the grant and did this work. This is a discussion for the next budget season.

Outside of West Hill Road, there is pipe work to be done on East Cotton Hill. The road grader transmission is being fixed. The RFP for the STEAP grant will be on the town website this week. Mr. Jerram is working with Superintendent Murphy for the roof at New Hartford Elementary School which is ARPA for \$187,000. The Town Hall roof is in Capital.

FY 2021/2022 Appropriations – We recently added another police officer. Any transfers, if needed, will be done after July. Looking into river access for the Fire Department. Mr. Neale asked about the Rails to

Trails. Mr. Jerram said the committee proposed a staircase at the end of High Street on Route 44. The concept was done. The committee wanted to consider the design of a switchback staircase. A budget has been requested from the Rails to Trails committee and it hasn't been submitted yet. This is a study grant we don't have construction grant funds.

Opportunity for Public Comment None

Other Business None

MOTION by Ms. Helt to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Second by Mr. Voghel.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Recording Secretary