

**New Hartford Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2022 @ 7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Kerry Guilfoyle, Members: Lou Helt, Charlie Neale, Dan Charest, Ben Witte, Alternates: Ryan Bingham, Allen Voghel, Recording Secretary Penny Miller.

Absent: Paul LeClair and Jack Casey

Also attending First Selectman Dan Jerram

Chairman Guilfoyle opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Seating of Alternates Ryan Bingham was seated for Paul LeClair.

Adoption and/or Revision of Agenda

As no reports were received from the Bookkeeper and the Treasurer that line was removed from Reports.

Approval of Minutes: June 14th, 2022

MOTION: by Ms. Helt to approve the minutes of the June 14th, 2022 minutes. Second by Mr. Charest.

Unanimous

Communications and Other Items Presented to the Board

Letter from New Hartford Supt. of Schools Brian Murphy re: Negotiations with the New Hartford Education Association.

Letter from Regional School District No. 7 Supt. of Schools Dr. Judith Palmer re: Teachers' Collective Bargaining.

Reports

First Selectman Jerram said that the first road project - West Hill Road - has been completed. The cost was approximately \$340,000 for 1.3 miles. About \$290,000 has been spent in chip sealing on the following roads / avenues: Steele, Henderson, West, Highland, Lynette and others. They are working on Farnsworth Drive. From the Capital money the 2nd coat of paving went down at Antolini today. They are trying to squeeze Antolini Road in. But it is hard to get onto the paving contractor's calendar as labor is hard to find. Chip seal is \$30,000/mile. A cross pipe was done at the intersection of Cotton Hill and East Cotton Hill roads. Cedar Lane Bridge is scheduled for August 22nd. This is a \$74,000 contract. A RFP for the architecture of the Brodie bathrooms was done. Quotes are being done for the roof at the Town Hall and New Hartford Elementary School.

The COVID ARPA funds grant forms are on the website. There is a 3rd form for non-profits.

Superintendent of Schools Brian Murphy has submitted his resignation. Dr. John Tindall-Gibson of Litchfield has been hired as the Interim Superintendent. His contract runs until January 31, 2023 or until a new superintendent is found. CES has been hired as the search firm for a new superintendent.

The second round of ARPA money has not been received yet.

A new A/V system – OWL - has been purchased by the town. This system will enhance the ability to have hybrid meetings. The Board of Selectmen will be using it at future meetings. There is \$60,000 in Capital for the revaluation. That RFP will be going out soon.

Update ARPA projects and funds

Mr. Jerram said the big thing is having the grant forms done. The invoice has been done for the ambulance. It is in the process of being built and it will be another 6 months before it is delivered. A basketball & two pickle ball courts are being built at Brown's Corner. The Aquarian deal will go down on Friday. The PURA application is done and being submitted on Friday. The water rates went the same way we thought they would. They're going to replace everyone's meter in year one.

Discuss and Appoint BOF Representative(s) for Upcoming Negotiations

New Hartford Education Association

Regional 7 Teachers' Collective Bargaining

Following a short discussion Charles Neale said he would be the BOF representative on the negotiations for the New Hartford Education Association with Paul LeClair as the alternate.

Kerry Guilfoyle will be the BOF representative for the Region 7 teacher negotiations with Jack Casey as the alternate.

MOTION by Mr. Charest to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Second by Ms. Helt.

Unanimous

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Recording Secretary

Correspondence with the town clerk:
New Hartford Public School re: teacher negotiations
Region 7 re: teacher negotiations