

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017
7:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jim Persano.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Jim Persano, Tim Geib, Joe Tolisano, Tom Mazzoli, Bill Salka, and Michael Parker. Also in attendance were CFO Mike Marinaccio, First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectman Kathy Devlin, Superintendent Brian Czapla, and BoE Business Manager Bill Boutwell.

3. Selectmen's Update

First Selectman Bud Knorr began to paint the picture of the current budget situation. Knorr informed the Board that currently road construction has been halted until further notice and that overtime had been frozen unless authorized by the First Selectman's office. Also, unnecessary expenses have been halted. Selectman Kathy Devlin and Knorr went to Hartford in the past month and discussed the budget situation with CCM. The consensus from the room was that the Governor is focused on revenues and not cutting expenses.

4. CFO's Update

Mike Marinaccio reviewed multiple schedules with the Board, showing them the status of the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and where things look after the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2018. Marinaccio informed the Board that currently the State, and therefore the Town, is operating under Executive Order 58 which currently has the majority of state funding for Towns cut.

Tim Geib asked what the steps were to potentially add a supplemental tax to which Marinaccio replied that he had reached out to the Town's Attorney for a legal opinion on that.

Michael Parker stated that he is hesitant to pull the trigger too early and anticipates that the State will finalize a budget.

Marinaccio informed the Board that the deadline for the Town is November 1 and if a budget is not in place at the State by then, the Town would begin the cutting process to limit more spending.

5. BOE Update

Superintendent Brian Czapla informed the Board that in August he began planning for this event. With the start of his tenure, he implemented a spending freeze and shortly thereafter, a hiring freeze. Currently, Czapla plans to send out layoff notices to 10-15 staff members with a November 1 layoff date. Should the State adopt a budget before then, these notices could be rescinded.

Czapla is also negotiating with all 5 bargaining units for concessions to potentially stop any layoffs, but is unsure what the outcome will be.

Geib asked if the plan should become public, once the notices have been sent to those staff members. Czapla replied that there would be a press release drafted and he would also forward it on to the Town to release as well.

Joe Tolisano asked if there was any idea what the votes would be and who was able to vote on the concessions package. Czapla replied that he does not know what the outcome will be and that all members are able to vote on the concessions package.

6. Transfers/Appropriations

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to approve the transfers in the amount of \$565,433.45 to balance the Fiscal Year End 2017 budget, seconded by Tim Geib. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

7. Approval of Minutes

a. 7/24/17 Regular BOF Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Michael Parker to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Joe Tolisano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to adjourn at 7:48 pm, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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