TOWN OF CANAAN

BOARD OF FINANCE, REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020 @ 6:30PM

TOWN HALL

Present: Co-chairs: Dick Heinz, Lou Timolat, Steve Dean, Joel Jones, John Allyn. Alts. Eric Carlson, Daly Reville, Corinna Fleming.

Also Present: Henry Todd, (1st Selectman), Selectmen Greg Marlowe, Dave Barger, Linda Paviol, Board of Ed members and Chair Pat Mechare

CALL TO ORDER: Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chairman.

**MOTION by Allyn, seconded by Dean to seat Corinna Fleming in place of regular member Dan Silverman; unanimous. Regular Member Dan Silverman arrives.**

Public Comment –

Communication by Town Clerk, Mary Palmer, attached

**Reports**

Secretary's Report - **MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Jones, to table reports for April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting & April 22, Special Meeting minutes until next regular meeting; unanimous.**

Treasurer's Report - **MOTION by Jones, seconded by Silverman, to accept as presented the Treasurer’s report for March 2020; unanimous.**

Tax Collector's Report – **Will have for next regular meeting.**

Board of Education's Report - **MOTION by Dean, seconded by Jones to accept as presented the Board of Education’s report for April 2020; unanimous.**

First Selectman's Report

* BOS Firetruck replacement approval
* Rec commission proceeding as if we are allowed to open Pool. Waiting on direction from State. No Creative Kids club this year
* Governor executive order mandating BOS to approve the budget
* Social Distancing will continue till a vaccine is in place.

**Old Business**

* No old business

Suspense Items

**New Business**

1. Board of Education response to Board of Finance request to identify the impact of cuts of $30,000 and $64,000 to the Board of Education Spending Plan for 2020-2021. – Board of Ed reduced budget to a 0% increase.
2. **Discuss/act on motion by Timolat from prior meeting to create a Selectman’s account for the purpose of dissemination of general public information to be funded by 1 dollar; tabled at April 22, 2020 meeting. Vote of prior motion; unanimous.**
3. Discuss/act on motion by Timolat to create Selectmen’s Account for Professional Education, Training, and Conferences (funded with specific amount of re-imbursement provided by the Selectmen for the Economic Development employee’s out-of-pocket expenses). **MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Dean to create Selectmen’s Account in the amount of $2,000 for Professional Education, Training, and Conferences (funded with specific amount of re-imbursement provided by the Selectmen for the Economic Development employee’s out-of-pocket expenses); unanimous.**
4. Discussion of Municipal Spending Plan for 2020-2021. **MOTON by Timolat, and seconded to change the subline in the Town Clerks departmental budget to read Town Clerk’s Salary Account; 4 approve, passes.**
5. Approve an Educational Spending Plan for 2020-2021 to present to the Town for comment. Discussion will include how we present this to the Town. **MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Timolat to approve the 0% increase revised budget $3,653,737 to Town Hearing for public comment; unanimous.**
6. Approve a Municipal Spending Plan for 2020-2021 to present to the Town for comment**. MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Jones to approve the $1,862,244 budget to Town hearing for public comment; unanimous.**
7. Set a date for a Special Meeting to amend/approve Municipal Spending Plan and Education Spending Plan for approval by the Board of Selectmen. Discuss when BOF will set mil rate. **MOTION by Heinz, seconded by Jones to hold a Special Meeting at 6:30 with a Public Budget Hearing at 7pm on May 28th, 2020 via virtual meeting space Zoom; unanimous.**

MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Jones add to the agenda and also to authorize up to $175,000 for the purposes of purchasing a fire truck to be taken from the firetruck reserve account 51001405; unanimous. MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Jones to authorize the Selectman to appropriate the funds; unanimous.

Adjournment: **MOTION by Jones, seconded by Dean, meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Juchert-Derungs, Recording Secretary.