

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, June 15, 2023
Community Room
Chester Town Hall and via TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Hare called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: Steve Cline, Andrew Gardner, John Chillock, John O'Hare, Bill Bernhart, (alternate), Deb Vilcheck and Cindy Lignar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

On a motion made and duly seconded, the minutes from the 5/25/23 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

The Town Clerk clarified with the Secretary of State's office that the alternate membership of the BOF may have an irregular D's vs. R's; however minority representation must be maintained.

On a motion made and duly seconded, Michael King was appointed as an alternate BOF member. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/SELECTMAN'S REPORT

John reported:

- He has met with the First Selectwoman.
- Financials included in the BOF packet were discussed in depth with Peter.
 - Misc. income increases due to unclaimed property, school lunch receivables and fire marshal fines
- Employee benefits – down
- Legal, cyber insurance, maintenance (Public Works) and supply lines are over budgeted. Funds are available via the "snow removal" line items to address a portion of the overages.
- Financial state of the town is healthy.
- Property Reassessment year – Assessor office staffing briefly discussed.
- Skyview Property report received – no contamination identified at the property.

APPROVE MIL RATE

The 29.7 mil rate set by the BOF has been relayed to the Tax Collector as appropriate.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

John O'Hare made a motion to appoint the same auditor as last year for FY 23/24. The motion was made and passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

A BOF alternate candidate provided a brief update on his background and interest on serving on the BOF. He was available to address questions/comments posed by BOF members.

Cindy Lignar provided an update on EDC initiatives including cell towers, water stations, public restrooms and food scrap program.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk