

**EAST LYME BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, NOVEMBER 9th, 2011**

Members In Attendance: Bob Kleinhans, Chairman
Raymond Hart
Steve Kelley
Lisa Picarazzi

Also In Attendance: Paul Formica, First Selectman
Anna Johnson, Finance Director
Richard Bengtson
Steve Carpenteri

Absent: Steve Larcen, Secretary, Steve Harney

A. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Kleinhans called this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was observed.

C. Delegations

Mr. Kleinhans called for delegations.

Robert Gadbois 358 Boston Post Road said that he wanted to speak regarding the new business item requesting an expenditure of \$18,200 for Boardwalk Repairs. He said that he wants to know where the money is coming from as he does not feel that the taxpayers should be paying for it as it was supposed to be taken care of from when it was built. He added that some time ago Mr. Barry spoke at the Selectmen meetings and had said that based on how the boardwalk was being constructed that it would not last but the people working on it just kept on working and fixing where there were problems. He said that he does not want taxpayer money being used to fix this.

D. Approval of Minutes

▪ **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Mr. Kleinhans called for a motion for approval or any changes to the Board of Finance August 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes.

****MOTION (1)**

Mr. Kelley moved to approve the Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2011 as presented.

Ms. Picarazzi seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

E. Reports

◆ **First Selectman**

Mr. Formica reported the following:

- He was working with FEMA on monies for the Town and noted that one of those items involved the \$18,200 as they are looking for restitution on it from Storm Irene.

- The Capital Improvement Committee will be meeting again soon. Mr. Harney is the representative from this Board.
- They held a pension committee meeting recently and everyone is happy with how this has been going.
- The Election was yesterday, he thanked everyone and congratulated Ms. Picarazzi, Mr. Bengtson and Mr. Carpenteri on being elected. He further thanked Mr. Kleinhans for the strong leadership and talents that both he and Mr. Larcen have brought to this Board. They will both be missed.

◆ **Finance Director**

Ms. Johnson said that her report and a revised revenue report were in the green folders. The other reports had been sent to them.

Mr. Kelley asked about the legal account as it indicates that they have spent 79% of it so far.

Mr. Formica said that he has been in discussion with NE National today and will be again tomorrow on the jurisdiction of the case. Once that is decided the trial will start so they will use more of this account. He recalled that they had what they took from legal into contingency and that would most likely be where it would come from. He added that there will also be a need for some of those monies for Police contract negotiations which will start soon.

Ms. Picarazzi asked about Workers Compensation which shows that 71% of that budget has been used already.

Ms. Johnson said that they pay the premium up front and that it had come in less this year than was anticipated.

Ms. Johnson said that the auditors have been working since October 17, 2011 and that she has scheduled Mr. Bassett to come for their December 14, 2011 meeting to provide them with a review.

F. New Business

a. Approve Expenditure - \$18,200 Boardwalk Repairs

Mr. Kleinhans called for a motion.

****MOTION (2)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$18,200 from account 1-01-01-120-200-500 (Contingency) for the purpose of obtaining a "Cost Estimate to restore the boardwalk to pre-Irene conditions (\$6300)" and a "Cost Estimate for improving the boardwalk to 100-year storm condition design (\$11,900)."

Mr. Kelley seconded the motion.

Mr. Formica explained that the reason to take money from this account is because it was felt that it is part of the reimbursable FEMA items. He said that he met yesterday with Amtrak, Cianbro and out Town Engineers to work on a fix for this. The push is on to work towards getting the 75% FEMA reimbursement. The funds for these items are temporarily coming from Contingency and they will go back to it when the reimbursement comes from FEMA. They are hoping to combine the FEMA money and the monies from the boardwalk lawsuit to totally fix the boardwalk as some of the product that they will need is already on site.

Ms. Picarazzi asked if there was any litigation still going on with the boardwalk.

Mr. Formica said no, that part has been settled.

Mr. Hart asked Mr. Formica about the two cost estimates and one being almost double the other.

Mr. Formica said that one involves a lot more work than the other.

Mr. Hart asked what percentage we would be looking at getting from FEMA and if getting it would require a threshold being met first.

Mr. Formica said that the threshold has already come through the State as it has been qualified as a State of Emergency – each community is entitled to 75% reimbursement of the storm costs and we are already at \$1.5M without the boardwalk. He said that they are working on getting all of the boardwalk costs together to finalize this.

Mr. Kleinhans called for a vote on the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

b. Schedule of Meetings for 2012

Mr. Kleinhans called for a motion.

****MOTION (3)**

Mr. Kelley moved to approve the Schedule of Board of Finance Meetings for 2012 as presented.

Mr. Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

G. Old Business

There was none.

H. Public Discussion

Mr. Kleinhans called for Public Discussion.

There was none.

I. Board Comments

Mr. Kleinhans called for comments from the Board.

Ms. Picarazzi thanked Mr. Kleinhans for all of his hard work on this Board and for the Town and said that she was sorry that their fellow Board member and her colleague, Mr. Larcen was not present as he had also worked very hard for them and the Town.

Mr. Kelley said to Mr. Kleinhans that is has been a pleasure to work with him and that he has learned a lot from him and will miss him.

Mr. Kleinhans said that it has been his pleasure and honor to serve and thanked everyone for the courtesy that they have extended him. He said that Mr. Larcen has added a lot to this Board and the discussion and was sorry that he was not here as he has worked very hard for the Town. He lastly thanked Mr. Formica and Ms. Johnson for all of their help, guidance and organization with all of the events that have been presented to them and which has made his job much easier.

J. Adjournment

Mr. Kleinhans called for a motion to adjourn.

****MOTION (4)**

Ms. Picarazzi moved to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the East Lyme Board of Finance at 7:25 PM.

Mr. Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,
Recording Secretary