

**Sterling Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
Sterling Municipal Building @ 7pm**

**Present:** Chairman Robert Salisbury, Vice Chair Neil Delmonico, Peter Rabbitt, David Malo, and James Molodich

**Absent Members:** Tracie Adams, w/notice

**Also Present:** First Selectman Jack Joslyn, Selectman Patricia Massey, and Melissa Bradley; recording secretary

- I. **Call to Order:** R. Salisbury called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All stood to honor the pledge of allegiance.
- III. **Audience of Citizens:** No discussion.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**  
**MOTION 1** MADE BY D. Malo to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2026, as presented.  
**SECONDED** BY J. Molodich                      VOICE VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS                      **MOTION CARRIES**
- V. **Unfinished Business:** Discussion held on having the departments at a meeting to learn about the daily operations. J. Joslyn is also working on scheduling a tri-board meeting.
- VI. **New Business:**
  - a: **Consider and Act on CDW-G's quote of \$1,579.20 for the DPW Garage camera system update:** The board reviews the quote requesting more details and documentation but agrees this is a necessary upgrade.  
**MOTION 2** MADE BY D. Malo to approve the expenditure of \$1,579.20 for the DPW camera system as presented, with the request for more information on the project at the next meeting.  
**SECONDED** BY N. Delmonico                      VOICE VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS                      **MOTION CARRIES**
  - b: **Consider & Act on B&H's quote of \$9,369.38 for year one of the IT Department's 5-Year Capital Project Plan:** The board agrees it needs more information on this project and the equipment being purchased.  
**MOTION 3** MADE BY P. Rabbitt to table this item until more description of the project is received.  
**SECONDED** BY N. Delmonico                      VOICE VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS                      **MOTION CARRIES**
  - c: **Consider & Act on Mark Finley, Jr.'s quote of \$7,500 for the funds required to repair water damage in the old Story Hour Room for the "Installation of Drop/Suspended Ceiling, Removal, & Replacement of Electrical Fixtures:** job: The need for roof repairs was discussed due to an ice dam caused by poor installation and ventilation. A \$7,500 bill was presented, with \$1,700 for sheetrock repair and \$5,800 for additional work like dimmer switches and mini-split vents for 5 rooms. The ice was chipped off the roof and electric heating tape will be installed to stop further damage. The insurance company will be contacted to determine whether a claim is necessary.

**MOTION 4** MADE BY D. Malo to approve the expenditure of \$7,500 to repair the interior damage and additional modifications as presented.

**SECONDED** BY J. Molodich

VOICE VOTE: 5-0 UNANIMOUS

**MOTION CARRIES**

**d: Treasurer's Report:** The audit is being completed and there will be a presentation at next month's meeting. The board requests a presentation from the Treasurer to explain how to read the budget reports.

**e: Revenue Collector's Report:** No major concerns currently.

**f: Selectman's report:** J. Joslyn reports difficulties in installing a 40-foot Conex box next to the DPW building due to a propane line. This project was previously approved but will now require two 20-foot boxes. A proposal for the difference in cost will be presented at the next meeting.

**VII. Any Other Business:** A solar farm project was debated with potential tax revenue of \$250,000 annually, but concerns about long-term maintenance and environmental impact were raised. The project would involve 460 acres, partially in Sterling. The additional revenue might offset property taxes, despite no electric bill reduction. Residents will be able to voice their concerns but ultimately, the decision is held with the CT Siting Council.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

**MOTION 5** MADE BY P. Rabbitt to adjourn the meeting.

**SECONDED** BY D. Malo

**Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm**

Respectfully Submitted;

*Melissa J. Bradley*  
Recording Secretary