

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 14, 2015

PRESENT: Marc Schaen (Chair), Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Chris Morin, and Michael Nicholson.

Members not present: Aldo Cecchi, Will Kingkade, Michael Schiavi, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro.

Also present: Zachary Taylor, Town Accountant; Richard Villani, Town Administrator; and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst.

Media: Bill Shaner, Milford Daily News

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to approve the 11-12-14 Minutes, seconded by Chris Morin. Bob DeVita requested that the IT Director, Paul Blivess, be asked to attend the February Finance Committee meeting to discuss the dollar amount to get started with the update of the Technology Project List. Motion to approve the 11-12-14 Minutes was seconded, and all in favor.

Board of Health: Ken Evans reported that the VNA contracts for services have changed and have been renegotiated down to \$40,000 from \$67,090. He reported that they would like to use the saved money (\$27,090) for a school screening program and especially a TB and other inoculations program. They will talk to the school department and come up with a definite plan.

Wheelabrator Millbury Negotiation – The new negotiations that were agreed upon will save the town \$48,000 this year. Over a 13 year period, the savings to the town will be \$1,268,157.

Tree Warden: Chuck Reneau reported that there is \$5000 in his budget for tree work and that he has not cut any trees at the North Purchase Street Cemetery because he believed that after the storms in 2011 he was not to spend any more money for tree removal. There is a quote for these trees at the cemetery in the amount of \$9000 from a local vendor but he has not seen the quote. Town Accountant Zack Taylor will provide him with a copy of the quote. Mr. Reneau will then do the work and come back next month to report on the work.

Highway Department: Scott Crisafulli reported on the Leaf Trucks. His present ones are old and cannot do the work properly. A new truck will cost \$100,000 and would cost less in manpower and fuel and would increase the capacity by 100 percent. He would need two new trucks to cover the town. The old trucks are worth \$20,000 each for trade in or public auction.

Preliminary Budget Discussion: Financial Analyst, Paul Abbondanza, reported that the new Governor has been given an extended period of time for releasing his state budget and this will affect the town's budget. It was agreed to inform department heads to level fund their budgets and to keep in mind that electricity is going up and that the school budget is going up. Town Accountant, Zack Taylor, reported that there will be a 4 percent increase in retirement and an increase in the health insurance.

February meeting: Check with Will Kingkade as to how the Youth Center is doing.

Review Memo- Long Term Capital Improvement Plan: The Committee agreed and approved Marc Schaen's memo.

Al Correia reported that the Capital Planning Subcommittee met with Building Inspector, John Erickson, earlier tonight and John explained that if he doesn't need new software this year, he will push it back to the following year.

Bob DeVita moved to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: (1) Wheelabrator-Milbury Negotiated Terms; (2) Re-Negotiation with VNA Contract FY15; (3) Leaf Truck Comparison; (4) Town of Milford National Grid Bills by Departments; (5) Memo-Long Term Capital Improvement Plan.