

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 26, 2017

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Michael Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Marc Schaen, and Michael Schiavi

Members not present: Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Michael Soares, John Tennaro and Vinny Valastro

Also present: Chris Pilla, Treasurer; Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Gerry Moody, Legal Counsel; Wendell Phillips, Assistant Town Accountant; and Will Kingkade, Selectman

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Al Correia moved to approve the 4-12-17 Minutes, seconded by Michael Schiavi, all in favor.

Budgets: Highway Department: Scott Crisafulli, Highway Surveyor, reported that the Highway Department is the maintenance department for the Parks Department and that they do not have the help necessary to continue doing this. They don't have enough employees and the time to continue. Aldo Cecchi reported that years ago, in the '80's, the Highway Department had more employees than they have today. The Cemetery employees help out during the winter snow storms. Scott reported that if the town owned the Water Company, he could redo roads when water mains are replaced for less money than the Water Company charges. Budget final number \$21,195,257. Marc moved to accept the personnel budget, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. Michael Nicholson moved to accept the construction and maintenance budget, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor.

Article 23: Highway Surveyor: \$125,000 to be spent for consulting services to complete the 100% engineering designs, drawings, plans associated with Route 16/Main Street rebuilding project. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Budgets: Parks Department: \$778,000. Joe Arcudi, Jr. reported that they need two full time operators which is the reason for the increase in the personnel budget. They have increased maintenance which includes all parks, schools, Louise Lake, the Trail, and playgrounds. Aldo Cecchi reported that there is no maintenance to be done at the Woodland School at this time. He said it needs to be factored in but now the Parks Department has no maintenance to be done there. They should wait one year to find out how much work will need to be done. The Parks Department has five employees. Discussions: How many new employees are needed. Expected of \$150,000 per year to maintain shrubs at Woodland School. There is a \$65,000 salary increase. Joyce Lavigne moved to accept the budget submitted less \$45,778, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich. Discussion: Marc Schaen asked that the Parks Department come back with a project list. Vote: all in favor.

Article 28: Board of Assessors: To allow property in Trust to meet the ownership requirements for veterans' exemptions. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 2: Personnel Board: Wage and Salary Position Levels – Salaried Positions: Finance Director/Town Accountant: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (9-0)

Town Accountant: Jeff Niro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Treasurer: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (9-0)

Tax Collector: Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0)

#147 **Benefits:** Mike Schiavi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0)

#148 **Other General Government:** Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Legal Department: Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. (9-0)

Town Clerk: Joyce Lavigne moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (9-0)

Town Planner: Jeff Niro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Industrial Commission: Mike Schiavi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0)

Police Department: Mike Schiavi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0)

Fire Department: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (9-0)

Dept. of Inspections: Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (9-0)

Health Department: Waste Collections: Tabled

Health Department: Jeff Niro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0)

Library: Mike Schiavi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (9-0)

Pension Fund: Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. (9-0)

Health Insurance: Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 39: Treasurer: To rescind the authorized and un-issued debt of \$1,100,000.00 for the Godfrey Brook Congress/Main Street Project. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 40: Treasurer: \$315,000.00. To redeem, prior to their dates of maturity, the town's remaining school remodeling bonds originally issued on 4-15-06. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 43: Finance Director: \$169,596.00: To close out certain Special Article Accounts to the general Funds. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 44: Finance Director: To transfer funds between line items for the purpose of making funds available in line item accounts not sufficiently funded through the end of the FY17. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 42: Finance Committee: To raise and appropriate a sum of money to offset the snow and ice deficit in the current year. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 26: Vernon Grove Cemetery Trustees: \$3000: To raise money to be spent by the Vernon Grove Cemetery Trustees in order to replace the columbarium bronze markers at the Vernon Grove Cemetery. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 14: Selectmen: To amend Article 26 of the General By-Laws of the Town, entitled "Tax Payments as License etc. Condition". Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 15: Selectmen: To vote to reduce the statutory speed limit on any and all town owned roadways within a thickly settled area. Al Correia moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 16: Selectmen: To vote to accept the provisions of Section 194 of Ch. 218 of the Acts of 2016 allowing the town to reduce the statutory speed limit from 30 to 20 mph in safety Zones. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 17: Selectmen: To vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for Special Legislation amending the Act Establishing Representative Town Meetings. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 18: Selectmen: To vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek proposals to reuse through sale or lease of the former East Main Street School building. Chuck Miklosovich for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 19: Selectmen: To vote to raise money to be utilized by the Milford Industrial Development Commission for consultant services. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, (8 in favor, 1 opposed (Marc Schaen).

Article 20: Selectmen: To vote to accept the provisions of Section 108P of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, which provides for additional compensation for certain Treasurers and/or Tax Collectors. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 24: Legal Department: To appropriate money from available funds for the purpose of retaining consultants and other expert services to evaluate and represent the Town in acquisition of the Milford Water Company. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 25: Selectmen: To vote to discontinue as a public way a portion of the Park Terrace. Chuck Miklosovich moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 27: Selectmen: \$135,000: To raise a sum of money to pay for operating costs, regular maintenance and repairs for the operation of the Middle School East Building. Jeff Niro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 29: Selectmen: To all any balance remaining in an account for the upkeep of a town facility to remain in said account. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 33: Selectmen: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature for special legislation for the grant of an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Marc Schaen moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 38: Selectmen: \$200,000: To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the compensated absences fund. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 21: Planning Board: To amend the Zoning-By-Law by striking the last sentence of the definition of "Residential Animals". Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 34: Planning Board: To vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw relating to Marijuana Establishments. Al Correia moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Marc Schaen). (8-1)

Article 41: Planning Board: To vote to amend Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule of the Zoning Bylaw to provide for Solar Energy Systems on town property. Marc Schaen moved to table this Article, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 31: School Committee: To authorize the expenditure of the available balance in Fund 2696 Comcast Verizon PEG access account for the purpose of performing upgrades. Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 32: School Committee: To vote to establish a Special Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds to pay expenses related to special education. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (9-0)

Article 37: School Committee: To raise funds to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee for the purchase of Chromebooks for every student in Grades 6-12. Marc Schaen moved to table this Article, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (9-0)

Phil Ciaramicoli moved to rescind the favorable recommendation on Article 34, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor. (9-0)

Chuck Miklosovich moved to adjourn, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed:

Article 4 Department Budgets

Town Meeting Warrant