

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 9, 2013

PRESENT: Marc Schaen (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Jerry Hiatt, John Kelley, Will Kingkade, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Dave Morganelli (7:15), Chris Morin, and Mike Schiavi.

Members not present: Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro.

Also present: Barbara Auger, Town Treasurer; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst.

Media: Lindsay Corcoran, Milford Daily News

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to approve the 10-10-12 Minutes, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Budget Discussions:

Marc Schaen recommended a 1 percent to 2 percent maximum increase in budgets and noted that when the state comes forward with their recommendation the committee will know more. Marc reported that the budgets will be discussed in the March or April meetings.

Subcommittee Reports:

Public Safety:

Police Department: Aldo Cecchi reported that the Police Chief said he does not see any potential problems. Following the Connecticut shootings, the Chief said he can handle additional police at the schools in his present budget.

Fire Department: Aldo Cecchi reported that the Fire Chief said his budget looks good at this time. He cannot monitor the overtime budget as usual. The Chief said he has one fireman retiring in the spring with a buy back clause and he can handle that in his budget. He has two more firemen who may retire in the near future and feels he will not be able to handle that in his present budget.

School Building Committee: Aldo Cecchi reported that he and the SBC had met with the MSBA on Monday and was quizzed in detail by them regarding why they chose the project manager that they had picked. He does not know if the MSBA have approved the Committee's selection at this time. The Committee has a tentative time table. In March they will have a design selection panel.

Parks Department: Joyce Lavigne reported that the Parks Department's budget is on track.

Tree Warden: Joyce Lavigne reported that his budget is on track.

Highway Department: Joyce Lavigne reported that their budget is on track. The Overtime Budget used \$5000 for Hurricane Sandy and was informed that FEMA will not reimburse them. The Highway Surveyor will keep an eye on this budget.

Library: Mike Schiavi reported that their budget is in line at present. They do not have their new furniture yet, they are still looking at different types of furniture. The chiller is installed and they are still in negotiations with the electrical company. Her capital planning is going to go forward and they may be looking at electrical upgrades.

High School Concession Stand: There is no information on this as yet.

Youth Center: Dave Morganelli reported that the Center is still waiting for the \$30,000 from the United Way. The Center is in the black in their Budget and they are running their programs at a profit.

Board of Health: Dave Morganelli reported that he is waiting for a report from Paul Mazzachelli.

School Committee: Marc Schaen reported that he is meeting with them at the end of this month and they are on budget.

Long Term Capital Planning Committee: Marc Schaen reported that Al Correia will Chair the Committee this year. Town Clerk Amy Neves has told him that she will need extra money for special elections this year. She estimates \$28,000 extra for special elections.

Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst will be sending out a letter to department heads to add in a five year estimate in their budget needs.

Aldo Cecchi moved to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: None