

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

BY TELECONFERENCE

APRIL 14, 2021

PRESENT BY REMOTE: Chris Morin (Chair), Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Jerry Hiatt, Brant Hornberger, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, David Levine, Mike Nicholson, and Carly Kearnan.

Members not present by remote: Aldo Cecchi, Bob DeVita, Charles Miklosovich, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro.

Also present by remote: Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst; Tom Brown, Town Accountant; Kathy Perry, Kevin McIntyre; Selectmen Mike Walsh, Tom O'Loughlin and Paul Mazzachelli.

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

Mike Nicholson moved to approve the 3-10-21 Minutes, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call.

Finance Director's Report: Zachary Taylor reported on the budgets using a 2 ½ percent increase for most departments. There is a \$1 million deficit as of this Monday. There were contributions from a lot of the departments.

School Budget: Mike Nicholson reported that the sub-committee voted yes to a 6.3% increase in the school budget. The School Budget is \$55,975,378. Mike Nicholson moved to approve the School Budget at \$55,975,378, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call.

Police Department Budget: Jerry Hiatt reported that the Police Department Budget is in good shape with a 1.3% increase. Jerry moved to approve the Police Department Budget at \$7,144,336, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. Roll Call.

Fire Department Budget: Jerry Hiatt reported that the Fire Department Budget is under control and all expenses are level funded. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the Fire Department Budget at \$5,092,696, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. Roll Call.

Veterans Department Budget: Phil Ciaramicoli reported that the subcommittee approved all the drafts presented. Budget is at \$397,409.

Reserve Account: Zach Taylor reported that the Reserve Fund is up to \$125,000. The Reserve Fund is usually at \$100,000. Jerry Hiatt would like it to go up to \$125,000 to have some stability. Zach reported that the Reserve Account has never been depleted in the eleven years

he has been with the Town. The Reserve Fund is used for unforeseen problems. Phil Ciaramicoli moved to accept that the Reserve Fund be increased to \$125,000, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. Roll Call

Finance Accounts: Finance Director - \$230,450. Phil Ciaramicoli moved to accept the Finance Director's budget at \$230,450, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call

Foreclosures: \$25,000; Mike Nicholson moved to accept the budget, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor. Roll Call

Treasurer: \$242,732: Dave Levine moved to accept the Treasurer's budget, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. Roll Call

Tax Title: \$3,286,809: Dave Levine moved to accept the budget, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call

Long Term Interest: \$1,271,073: Phil Ciaramicoli moved to accept the budget, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. Roll Call.

Short Term Interest: \$150,000: Al Correia moved to accept the budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

Retirement/Pensions: \$5,921,318: Andy Lizotte moved to accept the budget, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. Roll Call

Workmen's Compensation: \$400,000: Carly Kearnan moved to accept the budget, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. Roll Call

Unemployment: \$200,000: Andy Lizotte moved to accept the budget, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. Roll Call

Health Insurance: \$20,916,318: Joyce Lavigne moved to accept the budget, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call

General Government: Elections: \$88,466; Registrations: \$19,222; Conservation: \$6700; Town Planner: \$120,126; Fair Housing: \$2473; General Government General Expenses: \$80,000; Personnel Board: \$6650; Town Clerk: \$237,474; Animal Control: \$103,472; Waste Collection: \$2,715,000; Cemetery: \$153,515; Street Lighting: \$306,301; VNA: \$71,863; Veteran Services: \$397,409; Commission Disability: \$1130; Al Correia moved to accept the budget, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. Roll Call

Public Property: \$913,488; Insurance: \$87,000; Town Report: \$4500; Sealer & Weight: \$9623; Highway: \$1,385,146; Moderator: \$2623; Select Board: \$196,366; Finance Committee:

\$39,716; Mike Nicholson moved to accept the budget, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor.
Roll Call

Board of Health Budget: Waste Collection: \$2,715,000; Transfer Station: \$140,145; Health Department - Salary and Wages: \$350,452; Dental Clinic: \$7739; Dave Levine moved to accept the budget, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. Roll Call

Al Correia asked that discussion be heard on Capital Purchase and that any purchase over \$30,000 be looked at by Town Meeting. Discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Andy Lizotte moved to adjourn, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: None