

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Jerry Hiatt, Andy Lizotte, Michael Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Michael Soares, and John Tennaro.

Members not present: Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Michael Schiavi and Vincent Valastro.

Also present: Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Tom Brown, Assistant Town Accountant; Michael Walsh, Selectman; Chris Pilla, Town Treasurer.

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Jeff Niro moved to approve the 2-13-19 Minutes, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Mike Nicholson moved to approve the 1-9-19 Minutes, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor.

Sub-Committee Reports: Library: Mike Nicholson reported that the General Expense amount for the Library is \$20,000 and that the subcommittee voted unfavorable on the Library Budget.

Public Safety Committee: Aldo Cecchi reported that he spoke to the Fire Chief and has scheduled a meeting for the subcommittee to discuss the fire department. Their budget looks good.

General Government: Jerry Hiatt reported that the General Government's budget is right in line.

Town Treasurer: Chris Pilla reported on the debt schedule which is down \$150,000. No debt will come through this year. In 2033 the only debt will be the Woodland School and Geriatric Authority.

Article 8 – Town Treasurer/Town Counsel: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws 60, Section 62A, to adopt a new Article 40 of the General BY-Laws, "Tax Title Payment Agreements". Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 5 - Selectmen/Treasurer: To see if the Town will vote as follows to enact certain measures as set forth herein which are presented each year to the Annual Town Meeting.

- a. Authorize Treasure to borrow money
- b. Authorize the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings for or against the Town

- c. Authorize the Selectmen to expend from funds received by the Town as fines for parking violations during FY20 to pay for the costs and expenses of collecting such fines.
- d. Authorize the Town Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement for FY20.
- e. Authorize any and all departments to utilize any amounts received from insurance companies or third parties as damages or payment for damage to any Town owned property for the repairing or replacing such property as deemed appropriate by the Selectmen.
- f. Authorize all persons, boards or agencies of the Town to contract for or on behalf of the Town during FY20 to enter into such contracts or agreements for up to five years, except in the case of contracts/agreements dealing with real estate which may be up to ten years.
- g. Authorize the Town Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Article 2 – Personnel Board: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wage and Salary Schedule by establishing new position levels and salary levels. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Article 3 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2019. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor.

Article 6 – School Committee: To see if the Town will vote to transfer money, consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in the Milford School District, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Article 7 – School Committee: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the available balance in Fund 2696, Comcast Verizon-PEG access, to be spent under the jurisdiction of the School Committee. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Article 19 – Canvas n Cup, LLC: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the BOS to petition the Legislature for special legislation to provide for the grant of an additional license for the sale of malt beverages and wine to be consumed on the premises. John Tennaro moved to refer to the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Article 20 – Police Chief: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the acceptance of GL Chapter 90, Section 22B, Subsections (b) through (k) concerning the non-criminal penalties and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles. Mike Soares moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Article 21 – Planning Board: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.9 Sign Regulations of the Zoning Bylaw relating to Projecting Signs. The Finance Committee would like the Planting Board to come in on another meeting to discuss this matter.

Article 9 – Fire Chief: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money not to exceed \$60,000 to be spent by the Fire Chief for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new staff car. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Article 10 – Park Commission: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$43,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission for the purpose of purchasing a 2019 XL 350-4wd truck. Finance Committee wants the Park Commission to come in at another meeting to discuss this matter.

John Tennaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Town Warrant;

Fy20 Debt Payment and Interest Schedule