

## MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 10, 2019

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Michael Nicholson, Michael Schiavi, Michael Soares and John Tennaro

Members not present: Jeff Niro and Vincenzo Valastro

Also present: Thomas Brown, Town Accountant; Chris Pilla, Town Treasurer; Mike Walsh, Selectman; Bill Buckley, Selectman and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

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

Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the 3-21-19 Minutes, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (12) Chuck Miklosovich, Mike Soares and Mike Schiavi were excused from voting.

**Vernon Grove Cemetery Budget:** Jamie Luchini reported that there is a 2 ½% increase in the budget salary/wages due to the workers now in the union which required the increase. There is a 10.9% increase in the department budget. Total budget is \$146,467. Al Correia moved to approve the Vernon Grove Cemetery Budget at \$146,467, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor.

**Highway Department Budget #421:** Scott Crisafulli reported that there is an increase of \$20,000 in the overtime salary budget. Jerry Hiatt moved to approve the Highway Administration budget at \$1,293,763, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, all in favor.

**Highway Department Budget #422:** Contract. and Maintenance: Budget in at 2.0% increase. Jerry Hiatt moved to approve the #422 budget at \$1,043,960, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor.

**Highway Department Budget #423:** Snow and Ice Removal: No changes in the budget. Mike Nicholson moved to approve the #423 budget at \$600,000, seconded by Mike Schiavi, all in favor.

**Library Budget #610:** Sue Edmonds reported that due to the state certification they had to add \$20,000 to their budget to cover the book account. There is an increase of 2.8%. Jerry Hiatt moved to approve the Library budget at \$1,291,620, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor.

**Police Department Budget #210:** Aldo Cecchi reported a 1.6% increase in the police budget with a total budget at \$6,728,133. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the police budget at \$6,728,133, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

**General Government Budget:** Phil Ciaramicoli reported on the General Government budget:

#145 – Treasurer – a decrease of -0.3% in the budget – total budget is \$213,240.

#158 – Tax Title/Foreclosure – no change in the budget – total budget is \$25,000.

Aldo Cecchi moved to accept the General Government Budgets #145 and #158, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

#147 – Benefits – there is a 4.3% increase in the budget due to contracts for a total of \$139,419.

#913 – Unemployment compensation – there is no change – total budget \$200,000.

#914 - Health Insurance – there is a 2.4% increase for new employees – total budget is \$13,565,000.

Aldo Cecchi moved to accept General Government Budgets #147, #913, #914, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor.

#114 – Moderator – no change in budget – total budget is \$2559.

#122 – Selectmen – there is a 2.5% increase in the budget, total budget is \$179,672.

#132 – Reserve Fund – no change in budget – total budget is \$103,000.

#141 – Assessors – there is a 0.7% increase in the budget – total budget is \$400,418.

#148 – Other General Government – there is a 1.0% increase in the budget – total budget is \$924,276.

#162 – Elections – down 8.0% - total budget is \$78,117.

#163 - Registrations – down -9.5% - total budget is \$16,733.

#171 – Conservation Commission – there is an increase of 2.5% - total budget is \$6692.

#174 – Town Planner – there is a 1.8% increase – total budget is \$115,400.

#182 - Industrial Commission – no change in the budget – total budget is \$3000.

#186 – Fair Housing – there is a 2.4% increase in the budget – total budget is \$2874.

#192 – Public Prop & Bldgs – there is a 1.8% increase – total budget is \$882,229.

#195 – Town Report – there is no change in the budget – total budget is \$6500.

John Tennaro moved to accept the General Government Budget at \$4,707,683, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Thomas Brown, Town Accountant, reported on the following budgets:

#131 – Finance Committee – there is a 5.0% increase in salary/wages - total budget is \$37,474.

#135 – Town Accountant/Finance Director – there is a 3.0% increase in the budget – total budget is \$197,148.

#146 – Tax Collector – there is a 5.9% increase in the budget – total budget is \$241,194.

#153 – Human Resources – there is a 11.9% increase in the budget – total budget is \$101,299.

#240 – Inspections – there is a 9.6% increase in the budget – total budget is \$279,346.

#244 – Sealer of Weights/Measure – there is a 2.4% increase in the budget – total budget is \$9399.

#292 – Animal Control – there is a 6.7% increase in the budget – total budget is \$102,115.

#296 – Hydrant Service – there is no increase or decrease – total budget is \$1,024,488.

#350 – Blackstone Valley Regional – there is a 3.2% decrease in the budget due to less students – total budget is \$1,574,732.

#411 – Town Engineer – there is a 4.6% increase in the budget – total budget is \$103,736.

#424 – Street Lighting – there is no change in the budget – total budget is \$306,301.

#425 – On Street Parking – there is a 6.6% increase due to contractual increases – total budget is \$66,137.

#431 – Waste Collections – there is 2.7% increase in the budget – total budget is \$2,098,050.

#440 - Sewer Department – there is a 1.8% decrease in the budget – total budget is \$4,216,164.

#495 – Tree Warden Department – there is a 0.2% increase in the budget – total budget is \$89,429.

#510 – Health Department – there is a 2.1% increase in the budget – total budget is \$310,100.

#542 – Youth Services – there is a 6.1% increase in the budget – total budget is \$144,870.

#650 - Parks and Recreation - there is a 0.5% increase in the budget – total budget is \$776,046.

#691 – Historical Commission – there is no increase or decrease in the budget – total budget for Historical Commission is \$2411. Total budget for Culture & Recreation is \$2,070,077.

#751 – Long Term Interest – there is no increase or decrease in the budget – total budget is \$1,531,326.

#752 – Short Term Interest – there is no increase or decrease in the budget – total budget is \$152,000. Total Debt Services is \$5,122,135.

Al Correia moved to accept budgets for Department Nos. 131, 135, 146, 153, 240, 411, 424, 425, 431, 542, 751, 752, 350, 351 seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor.

**Article 10 – Parks Commission** -\$43,000 – To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money not to exceed \$43,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 2019 XL 350-4wd truck. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

**Article 18 - Bryan Cole et al** : To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to provide for November Annual Town elections. Bob DeVita moved to have them get more information and come back at a later date, seconded by John Tennaro, 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. Mike Schiavi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Town Warrant