

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 30, 2018

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Mike Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Michael Soares, John Tennaro and Vinny Valastro.

Members not present: Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Chuck Miklosovich and Mike Schiavi.

Also present: Tom Brown, Town Accountant; Mike Walsh, Selectman and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

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

Al Correia moved to reconsider Article 2, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, 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. The Personnel Board has altered Article 2 with the intent of them to review all positions with other towns. Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Youth Service Budget: Jen Ward, Director and Katie Covell, Assistant Director, reported that in the second year of renovations the fence has been destroyed. Aldo Cecchi reported that it is a municipal fence and the town should replace it. Jen Ward reported that under their Maintenance line the annual service is not under contract. They need additional fire extinguishers for the basement and new rugs were purchased by them. The security systems are a onetime expense. The total budget is \$136,484. John Tennaro moved to accept the Youth Service Budget as presented for \$136,484, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Police Budget and Special Task Force: Chief O'Loughlin reported that the Board of Selectmen asked him to come up with a proposal to protect the safety of the children in schools. He suggests protecting more than the schools, like large businesses, etc. He reported that police handguns are replaced every 5 years; rifles are replaced every 5 years; portable radios are replaced every 5 years and tactical equipment is replaced every 3 years. The total budget for the Police Department is \$6,573,808. Aldo Cecchi moved to accept the police budget in the amount of \$6,573,808, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

School Budget: Kathy Perry reported that they have an increase of 3.09 percent in their General Education budget. Total budget is \$48,156,174. The Finance Committee would like to have more meetings with the School Department to go over their budget and also suggested more periodic updates. Phil Ciaramicoli moved to accept the School Budget at \$48,156,174, seconded by Al Correia, 8 in favor, 2 opposed. (Jeff Niro and Mike Soares)

Finalize Insurance Budget at \$13,246,000. Aldo Cecchi moved to accept the Insurance Budget at \$13,246,000, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Article 4: Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will raise a sum of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2018. Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Article 27: Finance Committee: To see if the Town will vote to raise funds (\$451,000) to be utilized to offset the snow and ice deficit in the current fiscal year. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Aldo Cecchi moved to adjourn, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed: Town Meeting Articles, School Budget, and Police Budget