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Finance Committee
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Minutes of: February 3, 2015

Meeting Opened: 7:06 PM
Adjourned: 8:45 PM

M: SM (2nd) MD V: 4-0

	Barbara Arena Chair	Steve McKinnon Vice Chair	OPEN	OPEN	Michael Wojdag	Teresa Fettig	Michael Dugan
Present	✓	✓			✓	A	✓
Exp	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/16	6/30/16	6/30/15	6/30/2017
Time							

Also Present: Sean Kealy, Town Moderator
(7:00 - 7:45 p)
Ron SanAngelo, Town Administrator
(7:50 - 8:15 p)

2015 Opening Reserve Fund Balance: \$86,187
8/12 Town Hall Phone System: (\$15,000)
1/6/15 Approvals:
BOH - VNA Services (\$2,000)
HWY - Equipment Repair (\$3,500)
HWY - Overtime (\$4,000)
Tree Warden - Tree Removal (\$6,500)
2/3/15 Balance: \$55,187

Moderator Kealy, as the appointing authority, was present to review Article 19 disclosures for Barbara Arena and Steve McKinnon. Ms. Arena's father-in-law, James Arena, Sr., and Mr. McKinnon's son's company are both independent contractors who plow for the highway department. Mr. Kealy determined that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from the employee.

The committee reviewed the snow emergency request from Robert Brown, Highway Surveyor, for declaration of a snow emergency. Ms. Arena noted that Mr. SanAngelo was requesting that approval up to \$300,000 be noted. Mr. McKinnon pointed out that the Finance Committee position is to declare or not a snow emergency and had not imposed a limit. The committee considered this requested and Mike Wojdag made motion to approve declaration of snow emergency which was seconded by Mike Dugan with a vote of 4-0 to approve.

No reserve fund requests have been received. Current reserve fund balance \$55,187 with \$2,475 in possible requests from Police (see minutes of 8/12/14). Highway drainage repair of Gorwin Drive overrun expected.

7:50 p Town Administrator to report on current fiscal matters of the town.

Mr. SanAngelo joined meeting to ascertain approval for snow emergency. He advised Selectmen had approved.

He also advised that the Board of Health had voted (this evening) to open the transfer station on Sundays subject to union approval with straight-time wages. He also noted that the new hauler, ABC, does not pick up on Sundays and that the timing of container pickups would needed to be addressed. He further indicated that breakdowns have been high and this would also needed to be addressed. He also emphasized the need for another full-time employee.

Possible warrant articles may include:

\$300-600,000 (our share) for new computers for the schools with technology department recommending a server based vs. desktop system.

Library Roof

Parking Lot for Liberty Street Fire Department

Mr. SanAngelo also discussed the possibility of bonding projects as part of a bundle with the water tower renovation.

Mr. San Angelo left at 8:15 p.m.

Committee discussed draft warrant article from the Finance Committee to add to stabilization with \$25,000 agreed to be the minimum as a placeholder.

Ms. Arena summarized SSVT budget which is requesting a 3.25% increase which includes capital funding including:

\$308,000 for a new boiler (after MSBA 54.16% reimbursement*)

\$190,000 for maintenance building (student built)

\$90,000 for new bus

\$20,000 for GPS tracking system

*Total cost \$661,708 with expected approval at MSBA meeting on 3/25 with requirement that funding source must be identified within 90 days. Superintendent Hickey indicated that he intended to utilize E&D funding and would not intend to increase assessments to towns.

In addition, \$32,000 has been included to add a para-professional for welding; \$25,000 for OPEB and \$40,000 for stabilization. (Superintendent Hickey noted there are 4 rooftop units installed in 1992 with a 15 year useful life). Budget includes 5% increase for health insurance.

While exact town figures were not available, it was noted that Hanson's enrollment was up by 1 and Whitman's enrollment was down by 9. The SSVT school committee is scheduled to meet on February 25 to certify the vote.

Ms. Arena is a member of the Lite Control property committee, however no meetings have been held due to weather conditions.

Approval of meeting minutes for 1/13/15 with changes to language regarding fire proposed budget. Motion by SM, 2nd by MD; Vote: 4-0

Next meeting scheduled for February 10 only if needed, otherwise February 17.

Mike Wojdag to request Chief Jerry Thompson to attend February 17 meeting to present budget and answer questions regarding 2016 requests.

8:45 pm Motion to Adjourn by SM, 2nd MD; Vote: 4-0