

**Finance and Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes of the Finance & Advisory Board  
Town of Georgetown  
May 5, 2008**

Location – Teacher’s Workroom GMHS, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Members in Attendance – Sandy Gerraughty – Chair, Jon Ayres – Vice Chair, Robin O’Malley – secretary, ~~Mark Hall~~, Jim Lacey, Jack L’Hommedieu, Tim Ruh, David Surface, Reggie Tardif

Guests: Steven Delaney, Matt Vincent, Thom Berube, Beverly Enos, Phil Trapani, Lonnie Brennan

Minutes taken by Robin O’Malley

Meeting called to Order at 5:40 PM by Sandy Gerraughty

**Board of Assessors:** Thom Berube came to discuss moving money within the assessors’ budget. There was much discussion over the exact amount needed. The money is needed due to an open position in the assessors’ department. If the Board of Assessors needs to move more money and they can give the Finance and Advisory Board acceptable documentation, then the Finance and Advisory Board will give it serious consideration.

- ◆ Jim Lacey made a motion to transfer from line item 11412, Assessors Assistant Salary, to line item 11413, Assessors Staff Wages, \$2,700 to cover unexpected overtime. David Surface seconded. Vote 8-0 in favor.
- ◆ Jim Lacey made a motion to transfer from line item 11412, Assessors Assistant Salary, to line item 11414, Assessors Expenses, \$1,200 to cover unexpected expenses. David Surface seconded. Vote 8-0 in favor.

**Warrant Discussions:**

**Water Department Budget:**

Jim Lacey made a motion to recommend approval of the water department budget as printed on page 7 of the Finance and Advisory booklet handed out at town meeting. Reg Tardif seconded. Vote was 3-5 against recommending with Sandy, Jon and Jim voting in favor and Tim, Jack, David, Robin and Reg voting against.

**Article 29 (ATM08-014):**

Jim Lacey made a motion to recommend approval of Article 29 (ATM08-014), Senior Citizen Tax Exemption. David Surface seconded. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

**Article 30 (ATM08-015):** There was much discussion over whether or not the town’s overlay account can handle this abatement. Thom Berube told us that if we approve it then it needs to be accounted for even if we do not implement the program.

Jim Lacey made a motion to recommend approval of Article 30 (ATM08-015), Senior Citizen Property Tax Abatement. David Surface seconded. Vote was 4-4 with Jack, Reg, David and Tim voting in favor and Sandy, Jon, Jim and Robin voting against.

**Water Department Budget:**

Tim Ruh made a motion to **reconsider** the vote on the water department’s budget. David Surface seconded. Vote was 7-1 in favor with Jack voting against.

Tim Ruh made a motion to recommend approval of the water department’s budget. Reg Tardif seconded. Vote was 8-0 in favor.

It was decided that someone would stand up at town meeting and give our concern over the water department’s budget along with both votes.

Minutes still to approve:

- ◆ 1/29/08, 4/01/08, 4/03/08, 4/16/08, 5/05/08

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 05/21/08**, 7:00 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Lacey and seconded by Reg Tardif at 6:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously 8-0.