



Town of Medway
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May 11, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Medway High School, Room 113-A
88 Summer Street

Present: Frank Rossi, Chairman; Chris Lagan, Vice-Chair; Barry Schroeder, Clerk; Members: Rohith Ashok; Ellen Hillery; Meghan Hoffman; Jeff O'Neill. Jim Sullivan (6:49 PM)

Absent: Todd Alessandri.

Also Present: Jeffrey Lynch, Fire Chief; John Givens, Veterans Agent; Mark Cerel, Town Meeting Moderator; Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Selectman John Foresto; Selectman Dennis Crowley.

Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Emergency Transfer Request – Fire Department

The committee reviewed an Emergency Transfer Request, dated April 30, 2015, from the Fire Chief.

Chief Lynch explained that the additional funding is necessary to cover overtime costs during this winter's snowstorms. \$33,431.01 is the amount needed but will be offset by \$9,000 previously allocated for training. Mr. Lagan stated that the request meets the criteria for emergency transfers as it was unbudgeted and unanticipated.

Mr. O'Neill asked about other snow/ice emergency funding requests which may deplete the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. Mr. Schroeder reported that the reserve fund has a \$100,000 balance. Chief Lynch stated he anticipated some funding coming from FEMA as reimbursement but it will not be received during this fiscal year. He added that calls have increased by 13% and more shortfalls are inevitable.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee approve the Emergency Transfer Request in the amount of \$24,192.03, as requested; Mr. Ashok seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.

Emergency Transfer Request – Veterans Services:

The committee reviewed an Emergency Transfer Request, dated April 30, 2015, from John Givner, Veterans Agent.

Mr. Givner explained the extra funds are necessary due to three caseloads with larger medical reimbursements. Mr. Lagan expressed concern that the Town does not fund enough money to this account, which forces frequent transfer requests.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee approve the Emergency Transfer Request from Veterans Services in the amount of \$12,000.00, as requested; Mr. Ashok seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.

Mr. Givner agreed that the account is underfunded, reporting that he expects to be “out of budget funds” by January 2016. Reimbursements from the state are delayed and the cycle repeats. Brief discussion followed.

Final Town Meeting Preparations:

The committee reviewed the 2015 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Discussion followed on procedures relative to the Citizens Petition. Mr. Mark Cerel, Town Meeting Moderator, explained that if a positive motion is not presented for Article 30, the article goes away by default.

The Town Administrator, Selectman Crowley, Selectman Foresto and Mr. Cerel exited the meeting room at 6:53 PM.

At this time Chairman Rossi assigned the motions for both Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting to committee members.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to the lateness of the hour, review of the draft minutes from April 8 was postponed.

At 6:57 PM Ms. Hoffman moved to adjourn; Mr. Ashok seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliard
Night Board Secretary