

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes

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Date: April 11, 2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Noonan, O'Connell, Kupcinkas, Kennedy, Cofske, Kuphal

Absent: Khalife

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Dave Marciello, Town Manager and Andrew Vanni, Finance Director were in at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Despres, Board of Selectmen, was in at 6:30 p.m.

Jen O'Connell I don't feel that the School Department is in favor of an override. We just need to decide if we are the ones that make that call or should it be them.

Dave Marciello: As the budget stands, it is a 2.51% increase, which is \$435,000. This is within the levy limit. They are also getting \$100,000 from Free Cash. If the article for the override passes, they will get an additional \$297,800. This changes the tax rate and the levy limit going forward.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article Recommendations

Jen O'Connell: This Warrant is only for prior year bills and current year bills?

Dave Marciello: That is correct.

Article 1-Prior Year Bills for Municipal Police Institute, Inc.

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 1 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 2-Mass General Law Chapter 41, Section 110A

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that action on Article 2 be deferred to the Town Manager. Unanimous.

Article 3-Sewer Department Vehicle w/plow-\$40,000

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00) be transferred from Retained Earnings of the Sewer Department, Account #60.000.3590.00000.0000.350 for the purpose of Article 3. Unanimous.

Article 4- 33B Transfers

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 4 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Article 5-Snow/Ice Deficit

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that Article 5 be accepted as written. Unanimous.

Scott Despres left at 6:50 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Recommendations

Article 3-Paving or Repaving Public Ways \$1.1 Million

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to reconsider the previous vote on this article. Unanimous. Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that the sum of \$1,100,000.00 be borrowed for the purpose of funding this article. Unanimous.

Article 4-CIP

H. Roll-Off Trailer \$100,000

Dave Cofske: Why is the cost so high?

Dave Marciello: This is the going rate. The cost of the trailer itself is about \$85,000. Then we have to equip it. The cost for a used one is about \$65,000.

Dave Cofske: How big is it?

Dave Marciello: I am not sure.

Jen O'Connell: What is the cost per month for the lease right now?

Dave Marciello: I will call him and put him on speaker phone so that you can get the answers that you need.

Keith Nastasi: We are paying about \$1,500 per month.

Dave Marciello: Where did the cost of \$100,000 come from?

Keith Nastasi: this came from the previous DPW Director.

Dave Marciello: How long does a trailer like this last?

Keith Nastasi: It should have a life of around 15 years.

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$100,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of funding this article. Unanimous.

I. Lease of Vehicles-\$158,000

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$158,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of funding this article. Unanimous.

J. DPW Generator-\$50,000

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$50,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of funding this article. Unanimous.

S. Software-\$20,000

Motioned by O'Connell, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend that \$20,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of funding this article. Unanimous.

Article 36-Override for School

Dave Marciello: If the vote is to support the 2.54%, I do not know how things will go at the Town Meeting. If money is switched at Town Meeting within the budget, I am not sure if we will be able to do it.

Jen O'Connell: I, myself, am not in favor of an override. I don't see a problem deferring the recommendation to the School Department.

The Finance Committee was in agreement of not supporting a 2-1/2 override.

Dave Marciello: You could defer your recommendation to the Town Meeting.

Albert Kupcinkas: We should take a stand on this article. We always have in the past.

Kevin Kuphal: I don't like using an override to fix a \$300,000 problem.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded Cofske to recommend that action on Article 36 be indefinitely postponed. Unanimous.

FY2019 Budget Recommendations

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for General Government of \$1,896,647. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for Public Safety of \$3,371,966. Unanimous.

Council on Aging

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$136,482, General Expenses \$42,800 for a total of \$178,982. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for Public Health and Human Services of \$494,289. Unanimous.

Jen O'Connell: We had talked about moving money from the Library and putting it in the COA budget.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to reconsider the previous vote on the Council on Aging Budget. Unanimous.

Council on Aging:

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$136,482, General Expenses \$47,800 for a total of \$184,282 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to reconsider the total for Public Health and Human Services. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for Public Health and Human Services of \$499,289. Unanimous.

Library:

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$277,144, General Expenses \$98,610, Capital Outlay \$68,000 for a total of \$443,754 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for Cultural and Recreation of \$532,859. Unanimous.

Sewer Systems Operations & Maintenance:

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Salaries and Wages (all) \$272,477, General Expenses \$335,839, UBWPAD Assessment \$986,217, Sewer Expansion Project Debt Service Assessment \$52,000, Capital Outlay \$1,066,000 for a total of \$2,712,533 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Blackstone Valley RVTHS:

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate for Annual Operating Assessment \$776,331, Debt Excluded Capital Expenses \$38,200, Salaries Elected \$1,928, General Expenses \$500, Agricultural School \$50,000 for a total of \$866,959 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Jen O'Connell: The School Department voted a 2.51% increase in their budget. They are going in line with what the Town Manager recommended.

Millbury School Department

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend to raise and appropriate a total of \$21,782,773 for the purpose of funding this budget. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for Public Education of \$22,649,732. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for General Fund of \$41,429,738. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to recommend a total for General and Enterprise Funds of \$44,142,271. Unanimous.

Motioned by Cofske, seconded by Kupcinkas to:

Move that the town will vote to raise the sum of Forty-Four Million One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$44,142,271) necessary to defray the expenses and charges of the Town of Millbury in Fiscal Year 2019, the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, including the salaries of town Officers, costs of public education, debt and interest payments, and providing municipal services; and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Four Million Eight Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$4,008,603) from the Fiscal Year 2019 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue, and to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to raise said Four Million Eight Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$4,008,603) for the expenses of the Sewer Department, including indirect and debt services costs, and further to meet said appropriation as follows:

- A. Raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Million One Hundred Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$40,107,662);
- B. Transfer the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$2,712,533) from the Fiscal Year 2019 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue Account for the Sewer Department's operating expenses and charges;
- C. Transfer the sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Seventy-Four Dollars (\$345,074) from the Fiscal Year 2019 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue Account for the indirect costs of the Sewer Department;
- D. Transfer the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$121,821) from the Fiscal Year 2019 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue Account for debt service costs in the General Fund;

- E. Transfer the sum of Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$829,175) from the Fiscal Year 2019 Millbury Sewer Enterprise Fund User Revenue Account for debt service costs in the General Fund;
- F. Transfer the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Six Dollars (\$26,006) from the Debt Service Reserve Accounts to the Budget Debt Service Account.

Vote on motion: Unanimous.

Jen O'Connell will e-mail a copy of the Finance Committee letter for the recommendation booklet for review.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Motioned by Kupcinkas, seconded by Kuphal to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Unanimous.



Albert P. Kupcinkas