

Winthrop Town Council

Finance Committee

Committee Meeting February 14, 2013, Harvey Hearing Room

Comm. Present: Chair N. DelVento, R. Sanford, and J. Letterie

Also Present: J. McKenna, T. Gordon, C. Mael, S. Driscoll, B. Flavin, and K. Charvis.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Agenda: Funding Transfers as requested by Town Manager for:

- MAPC Membership

- Library to DPW Transfer

- Debt Service Transfers

- 2012 Park and Recs unpaid bills

Funding for Special US Senate Election by Town Clerk

Blizzard 2013 Storm Cost discussion

BlueWave Energy proposal

MAPC Transfer \$5,000.00: J. McKenna explained the Towns membership in the MAPC and the benefits to the Town. The MAPC assists with the Shannon Grant, ELTA local Planning Board assistance, and advocacy for local legislative initiatives.

Motion by R. Sanford, second by J. Letterie: "To transfer \$5,000 from Council reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Town Manager Conference / Training Account 0111252-576050 for the purpose of paying the annual MAPC membership fee or take any other relative hereto."

Passed Unanimous

Library to DPW Transfer \$15,000: Presented by J. McKenna that the recent custodian hire in the DPW has been, at times, doing work which requires an electrician's license. This custodian is the holder of a Massachusetts Electricians license. The transferred monies will be used as a stipend for the time that electrical work is performed. The money is available to be transferred from the Library Personnel account as there is currently a vacancy at the Library and these funds will not be needed there.

Questions and discussion of how the stipend will be paid.

Motion by J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: "To transfer \$15,000 from the Library Personnel Account 0161051-511100 to the DPW Building Maintenance Personnel Account 0119251-

511100 for the purpose of funding a stipend for an electrician hired by DPW/Building Maintenance or to take any other action relative hereto.

Passed Unanimous

Debt Service Principle to DPW Supplies and Equipment \$32,816.47: J. McKenna detailed the extra monies left in the Debt Service Principle (Fire Engine Principle) that was to be used to pay-off the debt service on financed fire equipment. The MWRA has modified their agreement with the Town and made this payment. These funds are now available to purchase or finance other equipment and will be used to pay off the DPW front-end loader.

Motion by: J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: "To transfer \$32,816.47 from Debt Service Principle (Fire Engine Principle) Account 0171052-591150 to DPW Supplies and Equipment Account 0142052-542005 for the purpose of funding the final payment for the DPW front-end loader or to take any other action relative hereto."

Passed Unanimous

Note: This action must be advertised as per Winthrop Town Charter prior to a vote.

Debt Service Principle to Treasure/Collector \$6,183.53: J. McKenna detailed the extra monies left in the Debt Service Principle (Fire Engine Principle) that was to be used to pay-off the debt service on financed fire equipment. The MWRA has modified their agreement with the Town and made this payment. These funds are now available to complete the improvements being made in the relocation of the Treasurer's Office

Motion by: J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: "To transfer \$6,183.53 from Debt Service Principle (Fire Engine Principle) Account 0171052-591150 to the Treasure / Collector (Contract Services) Account 0114552-544350 for the purpose of moving and improvements to the Treasures Office or to take any other actions necessary to carry out the project."

2012 Park and Recs unpaid bills \$4,130 and \$2,110: Presented by Sean Driscoll that \$4,130 was needed to cover the expense of unpaid bills related to the Park and Recreations Spring 2012 Lacrosse program. It was explained that although the Lacrosse program was successful the program occurred in the late part of FY 2012 and through a structural deficit in the park and Recs budget these bills were not able to be paid in FY 2012. He also explained that the Summer 2012 Science program held in June 2012 was also unable to be paid in FY 2012 although the funds were collected in to fund the program.

Motion by: J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: To transfer \$4,130 from Town Council reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Recreation Purchased Services Account 6715-520000 for the purpose of paying prior year bills relative to Spring 2012 Lacrosse Program or take any other action relative hereto.

Passed Unanimous

Motion by: J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: To transfer \$2,110 from Town Council reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Recreation Purchased Services Account 6715-520000 for the

purpose of paying prior year bills relative to Summer 2012 activities or take any other action relative hereto.

Passed Unanimous

Funding for Special US Senate Election by Town Clerk of \$27,600 (\$26,200 for Election Personnel and \$1,400 for Supplies). Documentation presented of the Governor ordering a special election on April 30 and June 25, 2013 to fill the vacancy in the U S Senate. There may be State funding or re-imbursement for this election. If that should occur the monies will be deposited into the General Fund and if the Council chooses can be transferred into Council Reserve when the funding is recognized by the Town.

Motion by: "J. Letterie, second by R. Sanford: To transfer \$27,600 from Town Council reserve Account 0111052-576100 to the Town Clerk's budget, \$26,200 in Account 0116151-512005 Election Personnel and \$ \$1,400 in Account 0116152-542005 to support the US Senate special elections of April 30 and June 25, 2013."

Passed Unanimous

Blizzard 2013 Storm Cost discussion Tim Gordon and Jim McKenna handed out a snow and ice cost estimate for FY 2013 to date. The information on exact costs and potential reimbursements is being developed. They will be presenting more information to the Council as to status of the Snow and Ice budgets as well as equipment needs.

BlueWave Energy proposal Jim McKenna handed out an updated proposal and proposed contract related to the 20 year BlueWave solar energy proposal (this information was also emailed to the Council). It was determined that the cost and terms should be presented in executive Session as it was pending negotiations.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm by R. Sanford, second J. Letterie, unanimous vote.

Submitted by Councilor Nicholas DelVento, Chairman