NORTON TOWN CLERK

Finance Committee Meeting June 18, 2007 Municipal Center - Selectmen's Conference Room

Call To Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Chairman, Paul Helmreich; Tom DeLuca, Mike Fiore, Wayne Graf, and Philip Zawasky. Jackie Desrochers, Mike Thomas, and Vice-Chair Lee Tarantino was absent. Town Manager was present.

Minutes of Meeting

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to approve the May 2, 2007 Finance Committee Minutes of Meeting as amended. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Reserve Fund Transfers

Mr. Purcell stated he had three Reserve Fund Transfer requests.

He wanted to conduct a presentation of budget improvements. He would like a new wage page and if there are any comments/criticisms to advise him.

Mr. Purcell said he would like new town accountant to be involved to help improve municipal budget/report.

Mr. Helmreich spoke of page numbering being an issue.

Mr. Fiore said some pages are currently in portrait and some are in landscape and he would like to see consistency.

Police Dept.

Police Chief Finch said five officers injured this year and unusual for so many injuries in one fiscal year. May need more in future for overtime.

Mr. Helmreich said \$30K is request now but will look for more re: overtime.

Mr. Purcell spoke of DOR rule change and would like allowance to do that. It was noted most cost is due to injuries. Insurance reimbursement cannot go into account.

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Discussion ensued on overtime costs. There is overtime for a female officer who retired in December and also overtime while this female officer was still on force but out on injury.

Mr. Helmreich inquired about July timeframe; any idea/broad range to supplement this?

Mr. Purcell said it would likely be an equal amount.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to transfer \$30,000 from FinCom reserve to account 1-210-510-5163 (injury and vacancy fills account). Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Fire Rescue:

Discussion ensued on injury budget.

Fire Chief Gomes said he would have been on budget if this injury did not happen.

Mr. Fiore stated there was \$11,011.27 present balance in account but to be "eaten up" during next few weeks.

Contingency/FinCom Reserve discussed.

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to transfer \$37,000 from FinCom Reserve to Account 220-570-5131 (Other Charges and Expenses/overtime pay account). Second by Mr. Zawasky.

Discussion: Mr. Helmreich asked if there were any future requests?

Chief Gomes responded he did not anticipate coming again in front of FinCom; possibly a lower figure in front of Board of Selectmen in future.

Chief Gomes spoke of refilling of one position; person out for 11 months a very legitimate job-related injury and will retire. Other person expected back in next week so.

Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Town Manager:

MOTION was made by Mr. Fiore to transfer \$10,804.00 from FinCom reserve to street lighting. Second by Mr. Zawasky. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Mr. Helmreich noted now Reserve Fund reduced by about \$78,000 tonight.

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Correspondence/Communication

Letter from School Committee requesting a meeting with FinCom.

Mr. Helmreich said he could help and would be willing to serve and Tom DeLuca offered also.

Mr. Kimball said School Committee to meet with Board of Selectmen and FinCom in its entirety; whoever could attend would be beneficial.

Mr. Helmreich said it appeared there were two members/reps from FinCom and he would like to respond to Dr. Ansay.

Mr. Graf said he would be interested also if needed.

It was noted they have two FinCom members interested right now, and would let Mr. Graf know if anything changed.

Mr. Helmreich said with FinCom's permission he would like to respond to Dr. Ansay. He noted large committees don't work so well.

Mr. Fiore discussed Athletic Complex Committee formation. Architectural/design firm chosen and now is basically a fundraising committee. Board of Selectmen are supposed to have a rep (it was formerly Jim brown) and a rep from FinCom. It is just fundraising at this point and recommendation that no reps are needed at this time. It was noted Jonathan O'Reilly is chairman of that committee.

Mr. Helmreich said he was aware Mr. Fiore had expressed desire to not serve any longer on that committee. He felt successor not to be appointed until ready (Mr. Fiore would no longer serve).

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Mr. Zawasky to Adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Second by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: Unanimous. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Janet Sweeney

Finance Committee - Recording Secretary