

Finance Committee Meeting
October 17, 2016
6:00 PM
(Preceding Town Meeting)
Norton High School Cafeteria

Present: Chair, Michael Fiore; Vice-Chair, Richard Dorney; Thomas DeLuca; Stephen Evans; Walter Eykel; Paul Helmreich; William Rotondi; Lee Tarantino.
Also present: Town Manager, Michael Yunits.

Absent: Peter Carignan; Michael Flaherty; Michael Thomas.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not reviewed at this meeting.

II. New Business

Member Resignation

Mr. Fiore informed the FinCom that Mr. Michael Thomas has resigned because he is moving out of state. He read a letter from Mr. Thomas to the committee. Mr. Fiore recognized Mr. Thomas' years of service and thanked him for his contributions and for going above and beyond in his service to the town.

III. Old Business

Article 3 – Supplemental Budget

Mr. Yunits informed the FinCom that the New Growth amount came in and is over \$100K more than expected. He said included in Article 3 would be \$6,120 for the Council on Aging for an outreach person to assist the senior community with various things such as fuel assistance. This funding would pay for a person from November 1st to the end of the year at \$18/hr for 10 hours/week.

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 3. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to raise the Council on Aging line item (detailed in Article 3) by \$6,120 for a total line item of \$12,555. Seconded by Mr. Tarantino. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to recommend Article 3 in the new total amount of \$714,042 as listed in the warrant, and including the increase to the Council on Aging as just voted. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: 7 in favor with Mr. DeLuca abstaining. **Motion carries.**

Article 7 – Capital Improvements Account

Motion was made by Mr. Tarantino to reconsider Article 3. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Mr. Chris Zahner, Health Agent, explained the request for the addition of \$25K for the 3-year lease of 3 plug-in, hybrid vehicles, and 1 all-electric vehicle as well as a charging station. He explained the vehicles would be used by the Board of Health, the Building Inspector, the Assessor, and the Town Planner. He also noted that the charging station will be available for public use.

Mr. Zahner explained that town employees are now reimbursed for mileage at a rate of 54 cents per mile and these cars cost 14 cents per mile to run. He also explained that this is all under the budget of the Board of Health because he is the person who wrote the grant for it.

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to recommend Article 7, transferring \$322,683 from the Capital Improvements Account and \$76K from the Ambulance Reserve Fund. Seconded by Mr. Rotondi. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Article 15 – Planning Board By-Laws

Mr. Yunits explained that this article will likely be withdrawn because town counsel is still reviewing, but it is expected to have opposition trying to pass it through the Attorney General's office. He said that it concerns the clerical aspects of notifying abutters of a zoning change.

Both Mr. Helmreich and Mr. Evans agreed that they couldn't support this article because it seems to still be a work in progress.

Motion was made by Mr. Helmreich to recommend NO ACTION on Article 15. Seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Next Meeting

Future meetings were not planned at this time.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn at 6:40 pm. Seconded by Mr. Tarantino. Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Documents Referenced: Town Meeting Motions

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Michael Fiore, Finance Committee Chair

Date Approved

Sara Lyons, Finance Committee Secretary