

Finance Committee Meeting
April 17, 2013
7:30 PM
Municipal Center – Selectman's Conference Room

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Present: Chair, Lee Tarantino; Vice-Chair, Michael Flaherty; Peter Carignan; Thomas Deluca; Jackie Desrochers; Richard Dorney; Stephen Evans; Paul Helmreich; William Rotondi; Michael Thomas;
Also Present: Town manager, Michael Yunits

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Distribution

FY 14 revised Local Aid Estimates:
FY 14 revised Local Aid Assessments
FY 14 revised Estimated Operating Revenues and Expenditures
FY 14 revised 70% - 30% Split Calculation
FY 14 revised Local Receipts Snapshot
FY 13 Recap of Local Receipts
FY 14 updated Proof
FY 14 Annual Town Meeting Score Sheet
FY 14 updated Water and Sewer Budget Forms with Recommendations
Updated Demolition By-Law distributed and a letter from Cameo Shop owner was distributed and will be discussed at the April 22, 2013 meeting.

- Mr. Yunits explained changes to the following schedules:

Local Receipts Snapshot

- 1) Investment Income reduced \$37,000 (FY 14 \$63,000 - FY 13 \$100,000)
- 2) Other Departmental Revenue \$30,000 (FY 14 \$30,000 – FY 13 \$60,000)
- 3) Fines and Forfeits \$8,000 (FY 14 \$50,000 – FY 13 \$58,000)
- 4) Licenses and Permits \$50,000 (FY 14 \$350,000 – FY 13 \$400,000)

Local Aid Assessments

The Charter School Tuition changed from \$2,069,905 to \$1,996,473 resulting in the total Local Aid Assessments changing from \$2,542,757 to \$2,469,325.

- **543 – Veterans Budget**

Motion was made by Mr. Deluca for 510 – Personal Service \$0.00 570 - charges and expenditures for \$66,205 and seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Contracted Services \$60,000 Office supplies \$1,000 Contracted services \$3,000 mileage \$1,000 seminars \$1,100 and Dues \$105

Motion made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Flaherty for a recess of Finance Committee meeting Vote: All in favor. **Motion carries.**

Public Hearing

Public hearing called to order at 7:45.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas and Seconded by Mr. Flaherty to close public hearing. Vote: all in favor. **Motion carries.**

Finance Committee meeting resumed at 7:50

Motion made by Mr. Thomas to amend Mr. Deluca's motion (above) to 510 - Personal Services of 15,017 and 570 - Charges and Expenditures of 49,641 and seconded by Mr. Rotundi.

Discussion: Mr. Deluca's stated his motion would not change the amount of veteran benefits or services but the cost of the regional veteran's district is getting too expensive. Mr. Yunits mentioned the cost of the veteran's district is not split equally among the four towns but is based on the population of each town and the district has only been operating for one year and should be given more time to iron out issues and achieve economies of scale. Mr. Yunits also mentioned the salary of the Director will not be \$80,000 as Mr. Johns stated during his budget presentation. Mr. Helmreich mentioned the district was sold to the town because regionalization would provide services to our veterans at a lower cost. He feels we need more time to see if the district can become cost effective, the district should review their process and he has a serious concern with the rising cost. Mr. Carnigan doesn't feel the rising costs will get any better. Mr. Tarantino felt the Veteran's director Mr. Johns didn't provide much detail during his budget presentation and would like to see the Selectman perform an extensive review of the district operation comparing costs and services to those of four years ago and more data will be required if we expect to move forward with the district. Mr. Rotundi asked Mr. Yunits if he knew when the director's salary would be determined but Mr. Yunits was not sure when the salary would be finalized. Mr. Helmreich mentioned the Commonwealth of Mass determines how many veteran agents are needed but the requirement has gone from 1-2 agents to 3-4 agents and the requirement has undermined some of the efficiencies from the original district proposal. Mr. Thomas reiterated there are many issues to resolve with the District but we cannot jeopardize veteran services if we decide to move from the district.

Vote on Mr. Thomas' amendment In Favor: Messrs. Carnigan; Dorney; Evans; Helmreich; Rotundi; Tarantino; Thomas and Ms. Desrochers Opposed: Messrs. Deluca and Mr. Flaherty. **Motion carries.**

Vote on Veterans Budget: Personal Services \$15,017 Charges and Expenditures \$49,641 In Favor Messrs. Carnigan; Dorney; Evans; Helmreich; Rotundi; Tarantino; Thomas and Ms. Desrochers Opposed: Messrs. Deluca and Mr. Flaherty. **Motion carries.**

- **Article 7 – Dorrance Parcels**

Selectman are still researching so article will be discussed during April 24, 2013 Finance Committee meeting.

- **Article 18 – Comprehensive By-Law Review**

Mr. Helmreich stated the review took care of housekeeping items and made no changes to established policies. Mr. Tarantino would like to see the Selectman create a review committee for a proper review which is required for 2015. **Motion** was made by Mr. Flaherty to recommend Article 18 as written. Seconded by Mr. Helmreich. In Favor: Messrs. Deluca; Flaherty; Helmreich; Rotundi; Thomas and Ms. Desrochers. Opposed: Mr. Dorney Abstained: Messrs Carnigan; Evans; Tarantino. **Motion carries.**

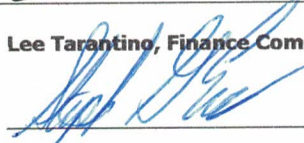
Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Thomas to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Seconded by Mr. Deluca Vote: Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted by:



Lee Tarantino, Finance Committee Chair



Stephen Evans, Committee Member

4/24/13

Date Approved