

BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016
MINUTES

Present: J. Scherban, O. NejdI, L. Saunders, D. Traynor, J. Olsen, J. Scully Welch, L. Santos and K. Carr

J. Scherban called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Everyone stood for the pledge of allegiance.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL PARAMEDIC DEPARTMENT FUNDING REQUEST

Jim Santacroce, Vice President of Marketing and Developing for the Department of Emergency Medical Service at Middlesex Hospital gave an overview of the department and presented his proposal to the board. John Battista and Fire Chief Brian Manware were also present. Below is the proposed funding based on per capita payment. After 5 years the town would be at a fifty percent cost share with Middlesex Hospital.

\$1.00 pp/per capita year 1 = \$13,129.00
\$2.00 pp/per capita year 2 = \$26,258.00
\$3.00 pp/per capita year 3 = \$39,387.00
\$4.00 pp/per capita year 4 = \$52,516.00
\$5.00 pp/per capita year 5 = \$65,645.00

Santacroce said if all towns do not sign on they will not come back to the town and ask for additional funding. Traynor made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to approve adding \$13,129 to the 2016/2017 operational budget for the Middlesex Hospital Paramedic Department year one contribution. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Traynor, Scully Welch, Saunders, Olsen and Scherban) and one opposed (NejdI).

FINALIZE 2016/2017 TOWN AND BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGETS

Board of Education Budget

Tom Kowalchik, USI reviewed the health insurance plan and increase with the board. The board recommending funding the increase in Employee Benefits from the self insured dental prescription fund. The increase amount was \$195,352. Olsen made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce the Board of Education Operating Budget by \$195,352. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scully Welch and Scherban), 1 opposed (NejdI) and 1 abstention (Traynor).

Olsen made a motion, seconded Saunders to approve a total Board of Education budget of \$31,373,412. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scully Welch and Scherban), 1 opposed (NejdI) and 1 abstention (Traynor).

Olsen made a motion, seconded Saunders to approve to reduce the total Board of Education Debt budget to \$1,167,286. That reflects a total reduction of \$53,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to approve a total Board of Education Capital budget of \$352,306. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scully Welch and Scherban), 2 opposed (Nejdl and Traynor).

Total Board of Education budget is \$32,893,004. This reflects an overall increase of \$182,673 or .56 percent.

Town Budget

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Olsen to eliminate the General Government Health & Life line item from \$141,750 to flat. The motion passed with a vote of 5 in favor (Olsen, Saunders, Scully Welch, Scherban and Nejdl) and 1 opposed (Traynor).

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce General Government by \$32,500 from savings found in Pension Plan Other of \$21,000, Workers Comp \$6,500 and Town Building Emergencies \$5,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce Economic Development Commission Salaries line item by \$5,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce GIS Implementation in Capital from \$80,000 to \$50,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Scully Welch made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce WSAM Paint/furniture from \$20,000 to \$10,000. The motion was unanimously approved.

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to eliminate the Other General Government Pump Out Boat request from \$7,000 to flat. The motion passed with a vote of 4 in favor (Olsen, Nejdl, Saunders, Scherban) and 2 opposed (Traynor and Scully Welch).

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Saunders to review the Pump Out Boat funding in 3 months to see if the board made the right decision. The motion was unanimously approved.

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to reduce Selectman's office supplies to \$2,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion to eliminate the PT position in the Town Clerk's office. No second was made. The motion failed to pass.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to remove the Assistant Assessor position from the budget. The motion failed with a vote of 2 in favor (Traynor and Nejdl) and 4 opposed (Scherban, Saunders, Olsen and Scully Welch).

Traynor made a motion to eliminate the PT position in the Tax Office. No second was made. The motion failed to pass.

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Traynor to reduce the overall Inland Wetlands budget by \$5,000. The motion failed to pass with a vote of 2 in favor (Traynor and Nejdl) and 4 opposed (Saunders, Scherban, Scully Welch and Olsen).

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce the Technology Website Management line item from \$5,500 to flat. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to reduce the WPCCC salaries line item by \$4,238. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to reduce the Building Official salaries line item by \$3,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Saunders to reduce the Town Debt budget to \$1,730,754 or a reduction of \$53,925. The motion was unanimously approved.

Traynor made a motion, seconded by Nejdl to reduce the Library budget from \$751,000 to \$700,000. The motion was failed with a vote of 2 in favor (Traynor and Nejdl) and 4 opposed (Saunders, Scherban, Olsen and Scully Welch).

Nejdl made a motion, seconded by Scully Welch to approve a total town budget of \$17,131,021 with an increase of 3.31 percent. The motion was unanimously approved.

Saunders made a motion, seconded by Traynor and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino

Administrative Assistant