

## MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

MARCH 8, 2017

**PRESENT:** Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Marc Schaen, Mike Schiavi, Mike Soares, John Tennaro.

**Not Present:** Vinny Valastro

**Also present:** Rick Villani, Town Administrator; Will Kingkade, Selectman; Bill Buckley, Selectman; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

**Media:** Kevin Redden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Al Correia moved to accept the 2-8-17 Minutes and Executive Session Minutes, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

**MWRTA:** Jen Walsh from Milford High School reported that students at MHS are using the bus and are now able to get jobs and they are using it to go back and forth to school. Students are now able to apply for jobs and not just students with disabilities but all students. She said about 30 students are using the bus per day. Finance Committee asked for definite number of people using the bus, time of day, and day of week. Mike Soares reported that he needs clarification on numbers because of snow days. Bob DeVita followed a bus around and said he did not see people getting on or off the bus for an extended period. He requested a list of duties and responsibilities of the Transportation Committee to determine if the committee is charged with exploring alternative options for transportation needs.

**Senior Center:** Sue Clark, Senior Center Director, reported that the seniors are now using a data base. The Center provides events, transportation service, trips and has volunteers. Milford's population consists of 31 percent seniors. There is a professional physical trainer on the premises and people are evaluated when signing up for the exercise programs. Training seminars have been held. The Senior Center van is used mostly for medical appointments. The utilized capacity of the building is full and she has finished the floor in the big room.

**Subcommittee Reports:** Chris Morin reported that the Personnel Board recommended a 1 percent increase for maxed out employee salaries and a 1 percent increase for non-rated positions.

Al Correia reported that the IT positions for school and town have a 20 percent difference in salaries and asked why?

**School Subcommittee:** Blackstone Valley Regional: Marc Schaen reported that they are down 12 students entering from Milford. Mr. Schaen reported that Dr. Fitzpatrick said there is a lack

of communication with the district. The cost to educate a student at Blackstone is \$9400 and the cost to educate a student in Milford is over \$10,000.

**Youth Center:** Jeff Niro reported that 580 children are using the programs at the Youth Center. There are 151 students per day using the Center. The month of December showed a profit of \$17,000.

**Capital Planning Subcommittee:** Al Correia reported that they are meeting with General Government department heads and all departments are on plan. There are no surprises on the warrant project.

Bob DeVita asked that the Sewer department be put on the Agenda for the next meeting for an update on the request for definitive plans and rough estimates of cost to expand sewer service in the town.

The Agenda for the next meeting will include MWRTA, BVTRHS, Sewer and Articles.

**New Business:** Marc Schaen reported that the School Subcommittee will be televised on the Educational Channel on Monday.

8:25 p.m. Al Correia moved to adjourn the regular meeting after the Executive Session, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

8:27 p.m. Aldo Cecchi moved and seconded by Marc Schaen to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of the Milford Water Company. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chris Morin, Jeff Niro, Joyce Lavigne, Marc Schaen, Chuck Miklosovich, Phil Ciaramicoli, Aldo Cecchi, John Tennaro, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Mike Soares, Jerry Hiatt, Mike Nicholson, Mike Schiavi all voted in the affirmative to go into Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents referenced: Senior Center Package