

# Finance Committee

Meeting minutes – June 16, 2011

**Present:** **Committee Members:** Chris DeSimone (Vice Chair), Alan Leao Jr., Robert Marti, Holly Seiferth, George Zacharakis (Chair)

**Absent** Chris Johnson, Melissa Tzanoudakis

**Guests** Jeffrey Sauer (Town Clerk/Elections)

George Zacharakis called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

**New Business:** George Zacharakis started the meeting with the committee discussing the transfer request for Elections budget. Chris DeSimone asked what was in the reserve fund. George Zacharakis replied he did not have the exact number off hand but he did know that there was enough to cover this transfer request. Alan Leao Jr. asked how much the police detail costs were. Jeffrey Sauer replied they were typically between \$450.00 and \$1,600.00 per election, depending on the number of officers that showed up – there was usually one full time officer and sometimes a second part time officer. Alan Leao Jr. questioned if the auxiliary detail could run the police detail. Jeffrey Sauer answered it was not in his control – the police chief set it up and it was his call. Jeffrey Sauer noted there was nothing in the law to define whose budget the costs came out of and that it did range from town to town. George Zacharakis asked if it was an hourly rate. Jeffrey Sauer answered it was a standard detail rate. Chris DeSimone commented it should be put into the police budget next year. Jeffrey Sauer explained that typically they had three elections per year, with a cost of \$600.00 per election; this was the fourth election and there was going to be a fifth and they had spent \$2,145.00 so far.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Alan Leao Jr., to accept the Elections transfer for Fees - Election Workers (100-16200-51195) for \$2,700.00 and Public Safety – Police Detail (100-16200-52309) for \$1,000.00 for a total of \$3,700.00 for Special Town Election – June 27, 2011 and it was approved by a vote 4(Aye)-0(No) and 0 abstained.

George Zacharakis moved the meeting to the committee discussing the transfer request for Police budget noting that since the transfer was under the 3% or \$5,000.00 and that it was an internal transfer (moving money between line items) that the transfer could be done by the Police department themselves.

Holly Seiferth arrived at the meeting at 7:24 pm.

George Zacharakis moved the meeting to the committee discussing the Fire and Ambulance budget, noting that John Moak and Toby Tyler were talking. Toby Tyler was looking at needing about \$5,000.00 for the Fire department budget and about \$24,000.00 for the Ambulance department budget due to the increase in calls. George Zacharakis noted this subject would be in the next meeting.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the February 17, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 5(Aye) - 0(No), 0 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the February 24, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 5(Aye) - 0(No), 0 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the March 10, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 5(Aye) - 0(No), 0 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the March 17, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 4(Aye) - 0(No), 1 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the March 31, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 5(Aye) - 0(No), 0 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the April 7, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 4(Aye) - 0(No), 1 abstained.

On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded by Holly Seiferth the minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved, by a vote 5(Aye) - 0(No), 0 abstained.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Thursday, June 30, 7:00 pm

**Adjournment:** On a motion from Chris DeSimone, seconded Holly Seiferth, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm and it was approved by a vote 5(Aye)-0(No) and 0 abstained.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Henderson