



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

Present: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin, James Roden and John Dietter. Also in attendance was the Board of Selectmen.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Departmental Budget Presentations

330 Registrar of Voters

Registrar of Voters Mary Legnard and Mary O’Leary presented the Registrar of Voters budget request. The registrars advised that the new voting machines have created more work for them and asked that their salaries be increased; they offered that on average, one or the other of them works 2-3 hours a day.

380 Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Commission Chairman Meghan O’Connor and Director of Parks & Recreation Eileen Earle presented the Parks & Recreation budget request. Discussed was the request for a utility vehicle and a trailer. They offered that this was not the type of vehicle that would do well on a lease as there would be considerable “wear & tear”. They discussed the work that needs to be done at Parloa Park; plans are to replace the backstop. They remarked that Meckauer Park is becoming the “place to be – again.” Usage at Meckauer continues to increase as more are taking advantage of the grounds. The programs were discussed, fees are reviewed with each season; programs continue to realize a profit.

180 Building Inspection

Building Official Gary Boughton presented the Building Inspection budget request; noting that his office continues to be busy. He indicated the increase to their contracted services relates to the lease payments for staff vehicles.

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290 Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Thomas Galliford presented the Emergency Management budget request. He reminded the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance that based upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and subsequent approval of the Board of Finance, \$6,538 has to be added to this budget request to accommodate funding the Mass Notification System. Mr. Galliford included funding for the relocation of the siren that used to be near the Municipal Center. It had been taken down and stored at the Bethel Fire House. It is anticipated that there will be a cost associated with the siren relocation (and perhaps repair).

300 Fire Marshal

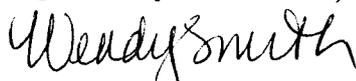
Fire Marshal Thomas Galliford presented the Fire Marshal budget request. It was pointed out that there are a lot of inspections required with High School Project. He has included additional funds for the deputy fire marshal. A request for a computer is included although this may be funded from the Data Processing account.

360 Police Department

Police Commission Chairman Nick Ellis and Police Chief Jeffrey Finch presented the Police Department budget request. Among the items discussed was the new software system which is almost up and running. Selectman Cleary explained how the overtime has been funded in the past; funded at a minimum and transfers occur from the salary account. They have requested 3 vehicles. Discussion took place regarding the proposed security officer for the high school parking lot; this is a Board of Education proposal and the security officer would not be a police officer.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary