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BOARD OF FINANCE – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 127 NORWICH AVENUE
Suite 201
April 2, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Hayn, Michael Ryan, Ronald Crabb, Ronald Goldstein, Brian Smith, John Ringo.

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectmen Stan Soby, Greg Cordova, Rosemary Coyle, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove, Town Clerk Nancy Bray, Democratic Registrar of Voters Dorothy Mrowka, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman Mike Caplet, Tax Collector Tricia Coblenz, Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle, Treasurer Jon Sandberg, Police Commission Chairman William Otfinoski, Public Works Director Mark Decker.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Hayn called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

2.1 March 19, 2008 Regular Meeting

Motion by: R. Crabb

to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting as read.

Second by: M. Ryan.

Vote: Opposed: No one.

Abstaining: R. Goldstein, J. Ringo (absent from meeting).

In favor: All others. Approved.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET

First Selectman Hodge presented the Board of Finance with a proposal to reduce \$200,000 from the 2008-2009 Board of Selectmen (BOS) Budget to be able to present a zero mil increase in the tax rate.

L. Hodge reviewed the list with the Board members and discussion followed.

Motion by: R. Goldstein

to adjust the revenue by \$65,000; reduce the Capitol Improvement Plan by \$360,000; accept the BOS reductions of \$200,000, accept the Board of Education (BOE) reductions of \$235,895; to reduce the highway budget by \$175,000 using Town Aid Road (TAR) funds and increase the Capital Reserve by \$33,000 to bring the mil increase to zero for the 2008-2009 budget.

Second by: J. Ringo.

Vote: Unanimous.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

4.1 Finance Department.

None at this time.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS.

Nancy Bray stated that she feels presenting a zero mil increase for the budget is a mistake.

William Otfinoski questioned where does someone go when there is a problem with a tax collector or other elected official. The elected positions are not considered an employee under the Selectmen as are other hourly or salaried positions within the Town.

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA.

No additions to the agenda were presented.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT.

7.1 Selectmen's Agenda

7.1.1 Transfer Requests.

This transfer request was tabled from the March 19, 2008 meeting. W. Otfinoski was present to discuss the request.

At the March 3, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting the following transfer was requested and approved.

Public Safety requests a transfer from a police officer vacant position to purchase radios, digital camera, pistols, cruiser consoles, etc.

FROM: Account 12101-40101 Regular Payroll	\$24,015
FOR: Account 12101-42338 Police Equip/Supplies	5,325
Account 12101-48404 Machinery/Equipment	12,450
Account 12101-48467 Vehicles & Trucks	6,240

Motion by: J. Ringo
to approve the transfer as requested.

Second by: R. Crabb.

Vote: Unanimous.

7.1.2 First Selectman's Update.

No further update at this time.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

No correspondence has been received.

9. LIAISON REPORTS.

Chairman Hayn noted that Tax Collector Tricia Coblantz was present. Demand letters for delinquent taxes have gone out to people that were on ineffective payment plans. Several people have requested meetings with the First Selectman regarding this situation. Once the delinquent notices have been turned over to the attorney the determination has been made that the taxpayers involved need to speak with the attorney regarding any method of payment.

T. Coblantz presented the Board with reports on the recent refunds, delinquent taxes and revenue.

10. OLD BUSINESS.

10.1 Proposed Changes to Elderly Homeowners and Totally Disable Individuals Tax Relief Program

Selectman Rosemary Coyle noted that more changes are being made to the tax relief program that was presented to the Board last month. These changes are not ready as yet. However, the existing tax relief programs are available in a pamphlet that Selectman Coyle will be distributing to various offices and agencies in Town.

11. NEW BUSINESS.

None at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: J. Ringo
to adjourn.

Second by: M. Ryan.

Vote: Unanimous.

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Chairman Hayn adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk