

# Finance Committee Minutes

## February 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM. Present were Mr. John Pshenishny, Mr. David Herrick, Mr. Thomas Stalker, Mrs. Prudence Spaulding and Ms. Mari Enoch. Guests present were Mr. Robert Miller, Mr. Nathaniel Yohalem, Mrs. Marsha Pshenishny, Ms. Tara White, with Mrs. Maureen Krejci representing the New Marlborough Ambulance Squad, and Mr. Chuck Loring Highway Superintendent and Fire Chief.

Minutes were accepted as read Mr. Herrick 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**New Marlborough Rescue Expenses** [60291.77] (\$56,350.00) level funded, {\$56,350.00}. Ms. Krejci stated that this budget was exactly the same as the last year's budget. Mr. Stalker 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously. Mrs. Krejci left.

**Roads and Bridges** [20422.05] (\$195,000.00) now requesting {\$205,000.00} When questioned, Mr. Loring stated that the \$15,000 for the blacktop would be used mostly for patching, that the Beavers(\$5,000), the Roadside mowing (\$14,000), the Line painting which he left purposely to next summer when it will be warmer (\$20,000) were all contract items, he put Miscellaneous (\$10,000) for unexpected expenses. Mr. Pshenishny 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Dept. Training Expenses** [20422.07] (\$2,300.00) level funded {\$2,300.00} Mr. Loring is hoping that all of his staff will be trained for hydraulics and have all of his men certified as "flagmen". Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Dept. Electricity** [20422.15] (\$4,500.00) level funded {\$4,500.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Dept. Propane** [20422.18] (\$18,000.00) level funded {\$18,000.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Dept. Diesel** [20422.10] (\$59,000.00) level funded {\$59,000.00} Mr. Herrick 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Spaulding 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Uniforms and Gear** [20422.78] (\$3,500.00) now requesting {\$4,500.00}, Mr. Loring stated that this budget will allow the men to receive clean uniforms provided by Cintas. This company will provide professional laundering, weekly inspections, and free repairs, with free uniform replacements and has a service guarantee. Mr. Stalker 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Winter Roads**[20423.02] (\$266,334.00) level funded {\$266,334.00} In the breakdown of expenses there was "Overtime", Mrs. Spaulding questioned that since the salaries had been put on HOLD, and this was a salary item. Ms. Enoch that this amount was a guess and not attached to the salaries per se. Mr. Loring allowed \$150,000 for salt, \$35,000 for and, \$11,000 for Mag chloride, \$40,000 for contractors and \$30,334 for overtime. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Street Lights** [20424.02] (\$5,000.00) level funded {\$5,000.00} Mr. Pshenishny 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Town Garage Maintenance** [20425.00] (\$12,500.00) now requesting {\$13,000.00} Mr. Loring had come before the committee to get money to repair the doors, and the garage, her reports that he will repair another one with this money and do other upkeep tasks. Mr. Stalker 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Highway Machinery Expense** [20428.00] (\$76,046.00) now requesting {\$86,046.00} Mr. Loring stated that he had raised this budget and hopes that he will not need to come before the committee to get funds from the Reserve fund for machinery maintenance. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Cultural Council** [50640.04] (\$1,000.00) level funded {\$1,000.00}, Mrs. Spaulding reminded the committee that this was "seed" money allowing the council to solicit funds from the community. Mrs. Spaulding 1s, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Constable Salaries** (\$475.00) level funded {4475.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Constable Expenses** [60211.01] (\$95.00) level funded {\$95.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Fire Protection** [60220.00] (\$60,900.00) level funded {\$60,900.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Firefighters Stipend** [60220.05] (\$36,500.00) now requesting {\$40,000.00}, Mr. Loring presented the Committee with a breakdown of the various stipends. Mr. Stalker 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Fire Department Dues** (\$200.00) now requesting {\$200.00} Mr. Loring stated that this item should be covered under "Fire Protection", a motion was made to eliminate this budget, Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Fire Department Clerical** [60220.88] (\$1,700.00) level funded {\$1,700.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed with Mr. Herrick recusing.

**Town Hall Renovations Loan** [80750.18] (\$14,073.00) now requesting {\$13,715.00} this is the second to last payment on this loan. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Website** [10115.00] (\$2,425.00) level funded {\$2,425.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup>, Passed unanimously.

**Audit** [10134.44] (\$15,000.00) now requesting 0! Ms. Enoch stated that there was enough money in this account to take care of the expenses of the audit this year. No vote needed.

**Accounting Officer's Expense** [10135.03](\$4,306.00) now requesting {\$4,515.00} the increase in this account reflects the increase in the computer contractual program! Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Expenses** [10147.44] (\$3,300.00) level funded {\$3,300.00} Ms. Enoch stated that since we do not have a treasurer now when we hire one that person might need training, and this account might have to be subsidized as a later date. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Tax Title (Treasurer)**[10149.00] (\$6,000.00) level funded {\$6,000.00} this account is used to help process the delinquent tax payers and should they not respond and pay their back taxes they will need to be taken to Land Court, this account helps pay for some of these expenses. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Board of Appeals** [10176.00] (\$600.00) level funded {\$600.00} Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Pshenishny 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Town Officer's Expenses** [101192.07] (\$ 1,000.00) now requesting {\$750.00}, Ms. Enoch stated that this budget had not been fully used last year and she thought it could be reduced. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

**Printing** [10195.00] (\$2,700.00) now requesting {\$2,000.00} Ms. Enoch stated that Mr. Kellogg had found a printer that would print the annual report for this sum. Mrs. Spaulding 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Stalker 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15PM, Mr. Stalker 1<sup>st</sup>, Mr. Herrick 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously, with the next meeting to be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudence Spaulding, Secretary.

Prudence Spaulding  
February 5<sup>th</sup> 2016