

FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MARCH 18, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT Faith D. Ballenger, Victor DiGregorio, James R. Drummey, John Greenlee, Marguerite Herlihy, Gordon Prime, Herbert A. Stone, Matthew Treadwell, Margaret Trowbridge, Alan J. Walsh, and Helen B. Wilkins

Chairman Helen B. Wilkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. She immediately called the "Public Hearing" to order.

Chairman Wilkins stated that this is a public hearing and that the Finance Committee is here to listen to the comments from the public and not to debate the issue at hand. Troy Henke read a statement against the PAYT ordinance yet to be decided by the Council.

Secretary Ballenger stated that she had highlighted the paragraph in the minutes where Alan Walsh made the motion and then voted for the council's budget. She stated that she saw it as a "conflict of interest" or the "appearance thereof" and did he wish to change same. Mr. Walsh stated no, he had no conflict as he was representing the Council. There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee to accept the Minutes of the March 11, 2010 minutes as printed. The vote was nine (9) yes, two (2) no. Motion carried.

Town Manager, Mark Green, and Chief Thomas Connolly presented the Police Department budget. There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee to accept the Police Department Budget as printed in the sum of \$2,731,826. The vote was seven (7) yes, four (4) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by Marguerite Herlihy to accept the Police Central Dispatch Budget as printed in the sum of \$1,035,784.00. The vote was seven (7) yes, four (4) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by Marguerite Herlihy to accept the Police Crossing Guard Budget as printed in the sum of \$32,707.00 The vote was nine (9) yes, two (2) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Marguerite Herlihy, seconded by Marguerite Herlihy to accept the Fire Department Budget as printed in the sum of \$3,586,601.00 The vote was seven (7) yes, four (4) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee to appropriate the sum of \$1,299,884.00 less Offsetting revenue of \$339,522.00, and raise by taxes the sum of \$960,362.00 for the Town of Sanford Debt Service. The vote was \$nine (9) yes, two (2) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by Gordon Prime to accept the request from the Southern Maine Sno-Goers as printed in the sum of \$10,122.00. The vote was eleven yes (11). Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee to accept the request from York County Community Action Corporation for the Transportation Program in the sum of \$123,019. The vote was nine (9) yes, two (2) no. Motion carried.

Town Manager Mark Green reviewed anticipated revenue. When asked for a definite sum, he requested additional time as the amount is still unknown. There was a motion by Faith Ballenger, seconded by Margaret Trowbridge that this request be tabled until the April 22, 2010 meeting. The vote was eleven (11) yes. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Margaret Trowbridge, seconded by Alan Walsh to transfer the sum of \$650,000 from the Undesignated Funds and appropriate to reduce the FY 2010-2011 tax commitment. The vote was ten (10) yes, one (1) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee that the sum of \$21,668.00 be raised and appropriated to fund the "53rd Week" account. The vote was ten (10) yes, one (1) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee that a percentage not to exceed two (2) percent (2% of the Town's Budget may be transferred per the Charter. The vote was ten (10) yes, one (1) no. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Alan Walsh, seconded by John Greenlee that the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature for 2010-2011:

- a) Municipal Revenue Sharing (\$1,450,000.00 Estimate in Revenue Budget)
- b) Local Road Assistance (\$175,000.00 Estimate in Revenue Budget)
- c) State Aid Education (including Federal pass through funds and Property tax relief) (\$21,588,379 Estimate in Revenue Budget)
- d) Snowmobile Registration Reimbursement (\$4,430.00 Estimate not in Revenue Budget)

- e) General Assistance Reimbursement (\$90,000.00 Estimate in Revenue Budget
- f) Veterans Exemption Reimbursement (\$14,000.00 Estimate in Revenue Budget
- g) State Grants (This category includes all funds received from the State that is not included in items (a) through (f) above.) (\$500,000.00 Estimate)

The vote was eleven (11) yes. Motion carried.

Under Public Participation, Chairman Joseph R. Hanslip of the Council asked to address the Finance Committee. He asked if there were meetings being held to discuss the budget. Chairman Wilkins stated yes. He wanted to know if they were posted. She stated no. Chairman Wilkins stated that on the March 4th meeting she addressed this inquiry. The meetings were being held to review the budget, "line by line", and to be prepared when presentations were given. She asked Mr. Hanslip if he had gone over the budget "line by line" and his answer was no. Alan Walsh stated that he had not received her memo. She told him that he was given one on March 4th and she then promised him a "framed copy" of same. Discussion continued from both sides.

Mrs (?) Crickett addressed the committee and had several suggestions to save money. She hoped that they considered would at least be given some consideration.

There was a motion by Marguerite Herlihy, seconded by Victor DiGregorio to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith D. Ballenger
Secretary