

Minutes
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
March 18, 2010
7:30 PM – Town Hall Room 119

Chairman Stegelmann called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. In attendance were Ms. Banks, Ms. Bora, Mr. Duwan, Ms. Mogenson, Mr. Stegelmann, Mr. Zagrodzky. Ms. Mao was absent due to illness. Finance Director Kate Buch was in attendance. The meeting was not taped by Channel 79, and no members of the public were in attendance.

The Board held budget discussions regarding the following departments:

Police Department- discussion focused on the capital request of \$133,000 for four new police cruisers and 1 unmarked vehicle. It was reported that the replacement schedule is every two years. Currently the fleet of marked vehicles consists of Ford Crown Victorias which carry a 60,000 mile warranty. Chief Lovello recommends that vehicles be traded in prior to their warranty expiration. The trade in value is approximately \$5,000. It was reported that the Crown Victoria is being discontinued by Ford. Options going forward will be Chevrolet models Caprice or Tahoe, which come with a 100,000 mile warranty. These models would need to be tested for suitability. The board felt that additional research was needed. As an interim measure the \$133,000 was moved from the RFCNRE for Police to the RFCNRE for General Government/BOF Contingency.

Other department budgets reviewed included Animal Control, Employee Benefits, Legal Services, Risk Management and Human Services.

Chairman Stegelmann asked for a motion to go into Other Business. Joe Duwan made a motion and it was seconded (6-0). Stegelmann reported on preliminary information regarding storm expense and FEMA grants. In order for FEMA money to be accessible, total damage in the region must exceed \$2.5 MM. So far town expenses are \$16,000 for a wood chipper and \$12,000 for DPW overtime. Police overtime figures are not yet known. Board of Education costs are \$41,000. It is not yet clear what is eligible to be included in the number, however, CL&P cannot submit a claim to FEMA. Additional information will be forthcoming.

There being no further business, Mr. Duwan made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved (6-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorene Bora
Acting Clerk