

TOWN OF SOMERS
 BOARD OF FINANCE
 SPECIAL MEETING
 MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Persano called the special meeting to order, at 7:00pm. Members present were George Warner, Michael Parker, Steve Krasinski Tom Mazzoli and James Persano. Also present were Board of Education member Joan Formeister, School Business Manager Bill Boutwell, Selectmen David Pinney, Selectmen Joe Tolisano and Finance Director Greg Simmons.

II. BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Chairman Persano asked for comments from the board members. Mr. Parker stated he does not think we should be proposing a mil rate increase. Mr. Krasinski stated we should keep the Capital Improvement (CIP) funding to cover leases only. Mr. Parker agreed and added that this would offset money we would take with a mil increase, he added that we have sufficient surplus to deal with this for a year or two. Mr. Persano indicated we should try for the small mil increase because this will carry through to future years when we will still be facing tough budget decisions. Mr. Mazzoli said during these tough recession times, he is not in support of a mil increase. Mr. Krasinski agreed with Mr. Persano that we should propose the .20 mil increase. Mr. Warner said we should propose the .20 mil increase, reduce the CIP to cover existing leases only and use fund balance to make up the difference, any positive changes in the state revenue can be used to restore funding to CIP.

Mr. Warner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Krasinski to propose a .20 mil increase, reduce CIP to cover existing leases only and balance the budget with reserves. The motion carried with Mr. Parker and Mr. Mazzoli opposed.

VI. BILL TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Mazzoli, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the transfers summarized below. The motion carried.

4/6/2009 #30				
Finance	Budget Preparation	Auditing	\$ 200.00	Insufficient budget for actual audit fees. Subsequent year adjusted accordingly.
Finance	Town Report	Auditing	\$ 380.00	
Finance	Clerical Help	Auditing	\$ 420.00	
4/6/2009 #31				
ZBA	Legal ZBA	Clerical Help	\$ 500.00	Additional funds needed for recording secretaries.
4/6/2009 #32				

Fire Department	Fema Grant Revenue	Fema Grant Exp.	\$ 41,000.00	Grant for replacement of compressor, sale of old equipment.
4/6/2009 #33				
Town Clerk	Postage	Supplies	\$ 200.00	Shortage in account.
4/6/2009 #34				
Fire Department	P/T Salaries	Overtime	\$ 3,643.00	
Fire Department	Health & Safety	Overtime	\$ 635.00	
Fire Department	Health & Safety	Cell Tower Rent	\$ 35.00	
Fire Department	Health & Safety	Equipment Maint.	\$ 330.00	To cover shortages in several accounts. Additional transfers will be needed from other sources.
Fire Department	Health & Safety	Radio Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	
Fire Department	Electricity	Radio Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	
4/6/2009 #35				
Civil Preparedness	P/T Police	Civil Preparedness	\$ 700.00	Final work on HS Generator
4/6/2009 #36				
Fire Department	Blood Borne Path.	P/T Salaries	\$ 600.00	Too much transferred out in prior request, already approved by BOS.
Fire Department	Training	P/T Salaries	\$ 400.00	
4/6/2009 #37				
Other	Contingency	STP Road Grant	\$ 796.00	State audit of Hampden & Stafford Road Projects, ROW fees.
4/6/2009 #38				
Tax Department	QDS Computer	Supplies	\$ 540.00	Service to printer and supplies needed for tax season June/July.
Tax Department	Dues & Seminars	Supplies	\$ 92.00	

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mazzoli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm., Mr. Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Simmons, recording secretary

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