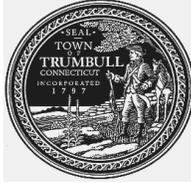


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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
January 4, 2011

Call to Order: Chairwoman Debra Lamberti called the Finance Committee of the Town Council to order at 8:00 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Chairwoman Debra Lamberti, Vice Chairman Tony Scinto, Jane Deyoe and Ann Marie Evangelista.

Absent: John DelVecchio, Jr. and John Rotondo.

Also Present: Mr. Daniel Nelson, Chief of Staff, Maria Pires Finance Director, Mr. John Marsilio, Director of Public Works and Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr.

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1. RESOLUTION TC23-142: Moved By Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Evangelista.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the reappointment by First Selectman of Dr. Lawrence Dinkes, 99 Meadow View Drive as a member of the Health District-Trumbull/Monroe, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending to December 2, 2013.

Dr. Dinkes of 99 Meadow View Drive was present and stated his party affiliation as democrat. Dr Dinkes is currently serving as chairman.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

2. RESOLUTION TC23-144: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Scinto.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is hereby approved.

Ms. Deyoe sought clarification of the Enterprise Funds on page 3 of 20 of the back-up provided to the Town Council. Mr. Marsilio stated that the asterisk indicates that there may be expenses for road paving related to the WPCA sewer projects, which at this time is unknown. The town has been advised by WPCA consultants that there will be treatments necessary to make certain roads last 20-25 years. Ms. Pires noted that page 3 of 20's heading/wording could be clarified.

Mr. Marsilio explained the Capital Plan was developed with the idea of prioritizing needed improvements. The Capital Plan is now based on the calendar year so that the budget process can incorporate capital expenditures in the coming fiscal year. The column reflecting 2011 would include the highest priority projects: roofs, life safety issues and ADA compliance issues. There has been a lot of effort and work put into developing this plan; this is not simply a wish list. None of the projects in the plan have been funded to date; this is a working template. Grants and LOCIP funds are based on the projects approved in the 5 Year Capital Plan. When the town applies for grant funding; usually preapproval of the project is required. This is a tool for applying for and being granted funds; there is a value to having the 5 Year Plan in place and having been approved by the appropriate boards and/or commissions. The numbers reflected in this plan are as accurate as they can be at this time. The first step to accomplishing all that is listed in the 2011 column would be to secure funding. Some maintenance items will be included in the operating budget; there may be some duplication in the report for chronic issues due their generic nature.

In response to a question from Mr. Scinto, Ms. Pires stated the total current bonded debt is \$94,848,545. It is the policy of the town not to exceed 10% of its total annual expense budget.

The committee commended the plan; noting that in the past the 5 Year Plan provided was a wish list. Mr. Marsilio explained that most of the plan had been developed by a trained third party for both the town side and the BoE side. Antonozzi had done the town facilities and the BoE commissioned their own third party.

Exhibit A includes the breakdown for the schools' capital projects and expenditures.

Ms. Pires explained that the 5 Year Capital Plan includes a 3% growth in the budget per year and 1.5% grand list growth; If future budgets do not increase 3% then the new bonded debt would be reduced.

Mr. Marsilio explained that the 2011 list of projects include issues that will need to be addressed such as ADA compliance. The infrastructure issues have suffered benign neglect for far too long. The town can only address one year at a time and will have to

determine what the town can afford; some of the costs of certain projects could be offset by various programs such as energy programs offered by the United Illuminating Company, LOCIP matches and stimulus funds if offered again. The 5 Year Capital Plan is a working template for the town. The operating budget will include some maintenance items (reflected on page 9 of 20). \$10,000 was used as a threshold cost for inclusion in the Capital Plan. Any items that cost less would be considered a maintenance item.

The Chairwoman commended all present for a job well done. Mr. Marsilio noted that Ms. Savo, Assistant Director of Finance deserves a great deal of the credit.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

3. RESOLUTION TC23-136: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded Mr. Scinto

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town of Trumbull a grant application for the Local Capital Improvement Program to obtain financial assistance pursuant to Public Act 87- 854, allocation for 2010. Distribution: Energy Audit Consultant \$50,000, Roadway Paving \$190,000. Total, 2010 allocation: \$240,000.

Mr. Nelson explained that the road paving would be an additional paving project throughout the town.

Mr. Marsilio explained that LOCIP funds are an example of how to fund some of the projects in the 5 Year Capital Plan without bonding. The best use of the LOCIP funds is to use as matching funds for other grants. Many programs ask for a match by the town, LOCIP funds are a good source for those required matches, it allows the town to grow the \$240,000 to possibly a million dollars in projects.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni, Council Clerk