

**Finance Committee of the Trumbull Town Council  
2012-2013 Budget Voting Session  
MINUTES  
April 4, 2012**

**Call to Order:** The Chairwoman Debra Lamberti called the Finance Committee of the Trumbull Town Council 2012-2013 Budget Voting Session to order at 7:26 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chairwoman Debra Lamberti, Vice Chairman Tony Scinto, Ann Marie Evangelista Alternate (Voting), Mark LeClair, Vicki Tesoro and Gregg Basbagill.

**Absent:** Jane Deyoe and John DelVecchio, Jr.

**Also Present:** Director of Finance, Maria Pires and Town Council Chairman Carl Massaro, Jr.

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**01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Town Hall – 01013800**

**501102 – SAL-PT/PER** – Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to increase Account #501102 – SAL-VAC by \$15,210.

- Mr. Basbagill spoke in favor of restoring the position due to the time frame it takes to hire when there is a vacancy. Ms. Pires explained the vacancy needs to be advertised, tested and interviewed; it usually takes a couple months to hire a position, in the mean time there is a need for someone to fill in.
- In response to a question from Ms. Evangelista, Ms. Pires stated the floater position would also fill in whenever someone is on vacation or out on worker's comp and would fill in as needed in all departments. Ms. Evangelista spoke against the position indicating in today's economy the position would be a luxury.
- In response to Ms. Tesoro, Ms. Pires confirmed that the floater position would go into all departments throughout the Town to fill in whenever someone is out. Ms. Tesoro spoke in favor of the position noting that it would be less expensive than hiring temps.
- In response to Ms. Lamberti, the person would be an office professional who could pick up wherever someone had left off, they would be trained per department. The position would be part time and used as needed. If they were not needed they would not be brought in. Ms. Lamberti stated that each department is specialized; hiring a temp would not make sense.
- Ms. Tesoro stated that the \$15,210 is a budgeted amount it does not necessarily mean the whole amount would be spent; the floater would only be brought in as needed. Ms. Pires agreed.

**VOTE:** Motion CARRIED 3-2-1 (Against: Lamberti and Evangelista) (Abstention: Scinto).

Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to approve:

**01 TOWN HALL - Increase of \$15,210 - Total \$1,698,580**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (Against: Lamberti) (Abstention: Scinto)

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- 01014600**

- In response to Mr. Scinto, Ms. Pires stated that she had not been given the amount of the salary for the new Director yet. Ms. Pires would provide the information for the committee. Mr. Scinto indicated that if the salary was less than the budgeted amount it could be reduced.

**PLANNING & ZONING - 01014200 & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- 01014600**

- Ms. Pires explained for Ms. Tesoro that the positions could be hired using funds available from the current fiscal year vacancies, the funds had not been used. The new position would be funded from this year's fiscal year budget, there was an individual who was budgeted at a full time salary and went to part time during the current fiscal year creating excess funds. The blight officer had been paid half from Building and half from P&Z.

**CLEAN ENERGY FUND - 01015600**

- In response to Mr. Scinto, Ms. Pires indicated this is the third year of the five year commitment. Ms. Pires will confirm and report back.

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**02 PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Police 01022000**

**581888 – Capital Outlay** – Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Evangelista to increase Account #581888 – Capital Outlay by \$13,500.

- Mr. Scinto spoke in favor of the canine; the Chief had indicated that the canine would be used at the mall. The police department has been borrowing a canine from Easton and Monroe.
- Mr. LeClair stated that the Chief of Police sacrificed the canine for the car.
- Mr. Basbagill stated that the dog is used four days a year and borrows a dog from other communities there is a good arrangement worked out.
- Mr. LeClair noted that there was a time when there was an intruder in a neighborhood who they could not get because a dog was not available.
- The committee explained that the cost for the dog is \$6,000 the \$7,500 is to outfit the car.
- Ms. Tesoro stated that the BoF had unanimously voted to eliminate this item. For the few days that the dog is used she would rather see \$15,210 for the floater position.
- Ms. Evangelista stated that the Chief had indicated that narcotics were up 400%, this is an excellent tool to have. The police department is running on a lean budget and this is an important tool for the police speaking in favor of this line item rather than a substitute at the Town Hall.
- Mr. Scinto stated that dog could go into the woods which could prevent an officer from getting hurt. Ms. Tesoro indicated that would depend on what the dog was trained for. The dog would be used mostly at the mall.
- Ms. Pires explained for Mr. Basbagill that if the \$13,500 is approved it is specifically for the canine and would have to be used for the canine. The police department could not use the \$13,500 at their discretion. The committee explained that this not like the BoE line item.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 3-2-1 (Against: Basbagill and Tesoro) (Abstention: Lamberti)

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. LeClair to approve:

**02 PUBLIC SAFETY Increase of \$13,500 - Total \$10,572,994**

VOTE: CARRIED unanimously.

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**03 PUBLIC WORKS – No change**

**HIGHWAY- 01030100**

**5981888 - Capital OU**

- VACAL- In response to a question from Ms. Tesoro, Ms. Pires stated that the Vacal is used by both the Public Works Department and WPCA. Ms. Tesoro questioned why half of the amount would come from the taxpayers v. the Sewer Users? Ms. Pires will get back to the committee on this item.

Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Basbagill to approve:

**03 Public Works No Change -Total \$8,610,912**

VOTE: CARRIED unanimously.

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**04 PUBLIC HEALTH - No Change**

**Health District- 01040000**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded Mr. LeClair to approve:

**04 – Public Health - No Change - Total \$289,531**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**05 SOCIAL SERVICES - 01050000- No Change**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Evangelista to approve:

**05 - No Change - Total \$631,321**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**06 Education – 01060000 - No Change**

Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to approve:

**Education - No Change - Total \$98,916,618**

Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Basbagill to approve:

**06 Education-School Nurses-Non Public School-BEI- No Change - Total EDUCATION (with School Nurses-Non Public School and BEI) \$99,949,283**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**07 Libraries – 01070000-No Change**

Moved by Ms. Tesoro, seconded by Mr. Basbagill to approve:

**07-Libraries No Change - Total \$1,573,481**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**08 Parks and Recreation - No Change**

Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to approve:

**08-Parks and Recreation - No Change -Total \$2,377,285**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**09 DEBT SERVICE**

- The committee discussed the bonding with Ms. Pires. This includes all of the bonding on the Town side. The High School bonding is not in this item, this line item is general government. The high school is included in education along with all of the schools. Ms. Pires will provide a spreadsheet with all of the debt in this budget, specifying which is general government and which is education.

**01 Employee Benefits 01013400**

**511150-Fringe Benefits FICA**

By unanimous consent the Finance Committee approved an Increase Account #511150-Fringe Benefits-FICA by \$1,164.

By unanimous consent the Finance committee approved:

**01- Employee Benefits - Increase of \$1,164 - Total \$13,227,370**

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Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Mr. Basbagill to approve:

**Total General Government – Increase \$16,374 - Total \$18,538,613**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (Against: Evangelista) (Abstention: Scinto)

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Basbagill to approve:

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND – Increase of \$29,874 Total \$146,666,820**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 5-1 (Against: Evangelista)

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**SEWERS-ENTERPRISE-201100000 - No Change**

- Ms. Pires indicated for Mr. Basbagill that the Vacal had been reclassified by the BoF from Account 589901 to 581888 within the WPCA budget.

Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Mr. Scinto to approve:

**SEWERS-ENTERPRISE - No Change- TOTAL \$6,609,915**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously

**TASHUA KNOLLS - ENTERPRISE - 21100000 - No Change**

Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Mr. Le Clair to approve:

**TOTAL TASHUA KNOLLS - ENTERPRISE - No Change- Total \$2,002,155**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

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**GRAND TOTAL - Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to approve the**

**GRAND TOTAL- Increase of \$29,874 TOTAL \$155,278,890**

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Mr. LeClair the Finance Committee of the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk