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FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JULY 2, 2014

The Chair called the Finance Committee to order at 7:24 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Mark LeClair, Vice Chairman Cindy Penkoff, Bethany Llodra Gilman, Alternate and Daniel Marconi

ABSENT: Tony Scinto, Lori Rosasco Schwartz, Vicki Tesoro and Thomas Christiano

ALSO PRESENT: Town Council Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Director of Finance Maria Pires, BOE Business manager Shawn O'Keefe, Steve Brinaldi, Director of Public Works John Marsilio, Town Council Member Ken Martin and Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio

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1. RESOLUTION TC25-102: Moved by Ms. Penkoff, seconded by Mr. Marconi.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$11,060 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to Ethics Commission 01010200-522202 Services and Fees Professional.

Mr. Massaro stated this resolution represents the legal fees incurred from the last Ethics hearing. Ms. Pires explained these were the fees for two attorneys to represent the Town with regards to the Ethics complaint made by Jim Henderson against Tom Kelly. The amounts are as follows: Owen & Schine \$5,600 and Cohen & Wolf \$5,460. The fees are over and above the legal fee retainer.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC25-103: Moved by Ms. Llodra Gilman, seconded by Ms. Penkoff.  
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$1,120,000 is hereby appropriated from WPCA 20-315200 to WPCA 20100000-522204 Services and Fees Contractual.

Mr. Smeriglio explained the WPCA budget includes a line item for what the Town pays the City of Bridgeport. That line item is a “Rate” multiplied by “Flow”. The budget process begins in January and is finished in March. Bridgeport sets their rate in June. In the 2013-2014 FY budget process the rate from the previous year plus 5% was budgeted. Bridgeport set the rate in June following the Town of Trumbull’s adoption of the budget and raised the rate 35%. WPCA set the new rates to charge the Trumbull sewer users in June and has collected the necessary funds to cover this appropriation. Ms. Pires stated that the rate was billed correctly to the taxpayers/users however when the expenditure budget was set it was prior to knowing what the rate would be increased to. This represents the 2013-2014 FY. Ms. Penkoff stated this represents one line item in the WPCA budget moving to another line item within the WPCA budget. Mr. Smeriglio and Ms. Pires agreed. Mr. Smeriglio added that Trumbull pays the rate minus an equalizer rate.  
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC25-106: moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Ms. Llodra Gilman. BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull Public Schools Employee Health Benefits Plan Self Insurance Fund Reserve Policy agreement between the Town of Trumbull and the Board of Education through June 30, 2015 is hereby approved.

Mr. O’Keefe explained the purpose of this MOU is to establish a reserve for two pieces of the reserve: The IBNR and the Excessive Claim Reserve. The IBNR Reserve is for claims made prior to the end of the year that has not come in. The Excessive Claim Reserve is because they have a 110% stop loss policy; the difference between 100% and 110% has to be set aside in the reserve because the Town has to pay that 10%. Once 110% is reached Anthem pays all.

Ms. Pires explained the MOU is necessary to be able to transfer between the Town and the BOE to fund the reserve. Mr. O’Keefe stated the BOE assumed a fully funded plan while budgeting for the 2013-2014 FY but moved to self insured. At the end of this year they will have fully funded both the IBNR and the Excessive Claim reserves. The BOE has already encumbered this and is ready to move it the Town side, approximately \$2 million. Any surplus will go into this and would potentially be over funded.

Mr. O’Keefe and Ms. Pires explained the savings realized from moving to a self insured plan was approximately \$3 million, \$600,000 of which represents savings in the Obama Care fees and taxes that the Town does not have to pay because they are self insured. Ms. Pires confirmed for the committee that the BOF does not need to approve the MOU, but the BOF Chairman has seen and reviewed it.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Ms. Llodra Gilman, seconded by Mr. Marconi the Finance Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk