

## Thomaston Board of Finance

### Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2009

Present: J. Scheppard, K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, E. Mone, G. Seabourne, D. Colavecchio, M. Galbraith.  
Also: Fire Chief, James Wilson; members of the public, press

#### **1. Call to order**

J. Scheppard called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

#### **2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

On a motion by G. Seabourne, seconded by E. Mone the meetings of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2009 were approved as presented. Vote: Unanimous

On a motion by E. Mone, seconded by K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 24, 2009 were approved as presented. Vote: Unanimous

On a motion by K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 31, 2009 were approved as presented. Vote: Unanimous

On a motion by K. Mosimann O'Sullivan, seconded by E. Mone, the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 8, 2009 were approved as presented. Vote: Unanimous

#### **3. Communications**

J. Scheppard reported the following communications:

1. First Selectman Maura Martin notified the Chairman that she would not be able to attend the meeting of 4/14/09.
2. Finance Director Sue Costa notified the Chairman that she would not be in able to attend the 4/14/09 due to a flooded basement.
3. A memo from the Finance Director to all Town Departments that usage of the copier will be charged to each department.
4. Recreation Director Martin Egan emailed his check register which was reviewed by the Board with the recommendation that a program be set up to create an income and expense activity report for each program offering. K. Mosimann O'Sullivan volunteered to set up such a program for the Recreation Department.
5. The March 2009 Opera House report shows that the debt to the Town is now at \$130,262.

#### **4. Financial Director's Report: No report**

#### **5. First Selectman's Report: No report**

#### **6. Town-wide Sick Pay Accrual**

J. Scheppard reported that the Board of Education will need to have \$98,000 transferred to its 2009-2010 Budget to pay for teachers severance pay. No action was taken.

#### **7. Recreation: No report**

### **8. New Business: Midyear Transfers**

Fire Chief Jamie Wilson reported that the Fire Dept balance as of March 27, 2009 was \$44,000.

He enumerated the following anticipated costs:

Physicals \$16,000; Reflective stripes \$1200; Pump tests \$2200; Rescue Air Supply \$1800; Certification Apparatus \$6500; Roof Repairs \$2000; Replace tires on apparatus \$3500; Remaining physicals \$1500; Engine 3 repairs \$4500; Diesel fuel \$2600. These expenses plus the cost of utilities will deplete the entire budget of \$117,000. He anticipates a need for an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000 to get through the year.

Chief Wilson noted that the turnout gear must be replaced every 10 years; this year 24 sets (half of the total) must be replaced at a cost of \$50,000.

### **9. Public Comment:**

Anthony Durso remarked that several towns in the area have presented budgets with no tax increase.

Diane Labonte questioned why the Board of Education budget lists a \$98,000 expense for Severance Pay and the Board of Finance sets aside funds for the same expense and then transfers that money to the Board of Education. J. Scheppard will look into the matter.

On a motion by E.Mone, seconded by K.Mosimann O'Sullivan the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Marie Galbraith

Secretary, Thomaston Board of Finance