**MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MARCH 27, 2024**

PRESENT: Al Correia (Chairman), Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, David Levine, Chris Morin (7:15), Mike Nicholson, Vincent Valastro.

By Remote: Jerry Hiatt and Lauren Wilton

Members not present: Robert DeVita, Brant Hornberger, Carly Kearnan, Chuck Miklosovich, John Tennaro

Also present: Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Tom Brown, Town Accountant; Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Mike Nicholson moved to approve the 3-13-24 Minutes, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

Dave Levine moved to amend the 1-10-24 Minutes by removing Paul Abbondanza’s name to appoint Chris Morin to represent the Finance Committee to the Comprehensive Plan and replacing it with Al Correia’s name to appoint Chris Morin to represent the Finance Committee to the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#650-Parks Department Budget: 10% increase-$93,400, due to union worker going out on workmen’s compensation; the pool opening in June with lifeguards; an increase in the general budget. Vinny Valastro moved to accept the Parks Department Budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#161-Clerk’s Budget: 1% increase-$298,401. Dave Levine moved to accept the Clerk’s budget, second by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#166-Elections Budget: 18% increase-$135,435. Lauren Wilton moved to accept the Election’s Budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#163-Registration Budget: 1% increase-$20,790. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the Registration Budget, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#146-Tax Collector Budget: $10.00 increase-$288,595. Andy Lizotte moved to accept the Tax Collector’s budget, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#171-Conservation Commission: 2% increase-$7175. Vinny Valastro moved to accept the Conservation Commission budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#300-School Department Budget: 6.4% increase-$73,828,784. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the School Department budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#350-BVT Budget: 1% decrease-$1,644,395. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the BVT budget, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#352-School Medicaid Recovery Budget: 14% increase-$40,000. Dave Levine moved to approve for additional information regarding the $5000 increase, seconded by Vinny Valastro, 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Jerry Hiatt). Roll Call

#421-Highway Department Budget: 1% increase-$1,608,239.Mike Nicholson moved to accept the Highway Department budget, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#423-Snow & Ice Budget: 0% increase/decrease-$600,000. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the Snow & Ice budget, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call

#440-Sewer Enterprise Budget: 2% increase-$4,422,078. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the Sewer Enterprise budget, seconded by Lauren Wilton, all in favor. Roll Call

#491-Vernon Grove Cemetery Budget: 0% increase/decrease-$216,886. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the Vernon Grove Cemetery budget, seconded by Lauren Wilton, all in favor. Roll Call.

#522-Visiting Nurses Budget: 0% increase/decrease-$80,000. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the Visiting Nurses Budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#524-Dental Clinic Budget: 0% increase/decrease-$7739. Mike Nicholson moved to accept the Dental Clinic budget, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. Roll Call

#911-Retirement Budget: 7% increase-$7,042,999. Andy Lizotte moved to accept the Retirement budget, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. Roll Call

Chromebooks and Google License: Discussions on whether we should renew them; donate them to the school; answer was no. Google license was discussed and Chris George reported that we should remove this.

Countryside: Andy Lizotte moved to accept the report we have been given, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Roll Call.

Finance Director: Zach Taylor reported that the operational budget is now $151,155,000. The long term borrowing schedule is $7,000,000 available for the school.

Mike Nicholson moved to adjourn, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor. Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearns

Documents reviewed: Budgets