Town of Plympton Finance Committee Minutes Monday, March 9, 2015

Plympton Town House, Plympton, MA

The meeting was called to order at: 5:30PM

Members In attendance: Susan Ossoff (SO), Marilyn Browne (MB), Mark Gabriel (MG), Lisa Hart (LH).

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

None

Departmental Meetings:

Town Clerk:

TW reports that there is 1-2K to give back from vital records (revolving acct) to the General Fund. She is seeking a 6hr weekly increase. She is paid now for 22 hrs. She would like to increase her hrs during the day and decrease her Monday evening hours by 2hrs. Tara explains that she is increasingly doing more for the other departments and feels this increase is justified. She would also like to see the Asst Town Clerk, who currently works 18 hrs, increased to 22 hrs.

Library:

Submitting a level service budget with a 2% increase as recommended by Wage and Personnel. DB reports that the natural gas bill is nearly double than last years. She also wants to point out that currently there is no plan in place for snow removal at the library.

Treasurer/Collector & Accountant:

CM and BG propose to bump up the Assistant Treasurer/Collectors hours from 26 to 29 hrs per week, and also increase BG's hrs by 3. In exchange, CM and BG propose not to replace Susan's 6 weekly hrs (who was laid off)

BG suggests an idea to use Capital Purpose Fund \$\$ to pay off the Dennett and Town Barn roof, which would save 97K of P&I from our FY Budget.

Fire

Requesting a 4% increase in Fire Svc Line due to hourly rate increases the past two years and also to allow the Chief to have the resources to address the increased call volume. Chief provided us with prior 3 years as well as this year-to-date call volume. 95 calls thus far this year. He also discussed with the FINCOM what equipment is sent on which calls.

The Fire Chief's contract is written in such a way that permits paid overtime after 8 hrs, with his OT coming out of EMS Line.

Chief requests an additional 5K for FY '16 for Shelter Ops; in the event of a disaster. LH suggests not to fund this and if this type of situation arises then provide a RFT to cover.

The FINCOM asked what can be saved by not running the second ambulance. The Chief responded that Mutual Aid resources are increasingly not available to the Chief.

Upcoming Meeting Date: Monday, March 16, 2015 @ 5:30PM

Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by LH, seconded by SO, unanimous at 9:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Gabriel