

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES  
BUDGET/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
Town Hall Council Chambers  
March 17, 2008 - Tuesday

Present: Kenneth DiFazio, Chairperson  
Patrick O'Connor, Vice Chairperson  
Arthur Mathews, Counselor  
Michael Molisse, Counselor  
Kevin Whitaker, Counselor

Also Present: Susan Kay, Mayor  
James Wilson, Chief Financial Officer  
Maureen Duffy, Town Auditor  
James Thomas, Chief, WPD  
Michael Gallagher

Chairman Kenneth DiFazio called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

**08-016 – Appointment of Director of Information Technology/Administrative Services- Michael Gallagher**

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to take item 08-016 off the table and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. Chairman DiFazio reminded the committee that the item was tabled at its March 6, 2008 while the administration underwent evaluation and reorganization of duties.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08-016 to the full council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**08-020 – Police Overtime Re-appropriation**

Mr. Wilson, accompanied by the Police Chief reported on the need to reappropriate funds from salary overtime lines to patrol overtime. Mr. Wilson and Chief Thomas cited the spike in overtime this year due to underfunding in the budget over the last several years, the loss of a dispatcher, the investigation of a child's death, and the training on new software (which was purchased by a grant).

A MOTION was made by Councilor O'Connor to forward item 08-020 to the full council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**08-021 – Reserve Fund Transfer-Workers Compensation**

Mr. Wilson, accompanied by Mr. Gallagher reminded the committee that when the initial funds were requested a few months ago, the Workers Compensation account was undergoing study by Mr. Gallagher at the Mayor’s request, and that once it was complete, further funding would be requested. Of the request for an additional \$80,000, \$37,000 will be needed to pay wages, \$38,000 for medical payments on the town and school side, and \$5,000 to the Fire and Police Departments. There was a judgement of \$21,700 two months ago; however, there currently are no outstanding claims which are close to being adjudicated.

A MOTION was made by Councilor O’Connor to forward item 08-021 to the full council with a recommendation for favorable action and was seconded by Councilor Molisse .UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At 7:00 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Councilor O’Connor to ADJOURN, and was seconded by Councilor Molisse. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted

Chairman of Budget

Mary Briggs-Recording Secretary

Councilor Kenneth DiFazio