



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

*Board of Finance
1212 Whittemore Road
Middlebury, CT 06762*

**Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 11, 2018
Shepardson Community Center
Room 26**

Present: William Stowell, Chairman
Rita H Smith, Board Member
Joseph Drauss, Board Member
Vincent Cipriano, Board Member
Dawn Albizu-Calabrese, Board Member
Stephen Ruccio, Board Member
Keli-Ann Bollard, Alternate – arrived at 7:03 PM

Absent: Ralph Barra, Alternate

Also Present: Edward B. St. John, First Selectman
Larry Hutvagner, CFO
Rachel Primus, Recording Clerk

William Stowell opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

Minutes Approval

1. Approval of March 14, 2018 and April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Joseph Drauss and seconded by Rita Smith to **APPROVE** March 14, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Vincent Cipriano and seconded by Joseph Drauss to **APPROVE** April 2, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Rita Smith and seconded by Vincent Cipriano to **APPROVE** the April 2, 2018 public hearing minutes as presented.

Public Comment

None

Reports

1. Chief Financial Officers Report

Larry Hutvagner said the routine revenue and expenditures were included in the packets. He

reported that the computer account at the police department was over budget because of the delay in the NexGen system, so they need to pay the maintenance fee for the old system. Larry said he negotiated with NexGen so they will not need to pay the maintenance fee until next year. Larry said that as of today, the town road aid has been cut in half, the ECS money has been cut and the next payment is due in April. Larry reported that the treasurer's revenue is over by at least \$60,000 and the tax collector and town clerk revenue is close to being on budget. Mr. Hutvagner said that the Park and Recreation department is not meeting revenue budgets. On the expense side they are over budget on legal fees due to grievances filed by the police union. Department 47 (Engineering/Consulting Services) temporary salaries are over budget, as well as the fire department is over budget in power and controls and heating oil. Larry stated that Public Works still has money in the snow and ice removal account which they can use to offset other accounts.

2. Tax Collector's Report

Included in packets.

Routine Business

1. Budget Transfers

None

2. Correspondence

None

Old Business

1. Update/Discussion on Allotted State Budget for 2017-2018.

Larry Hutvagner passed a handout with current figures with a breakdown of how it will affect next year's budget. Ed St John noted that the transportation fund is in financial trouble and that it is a bonded account. Bill Stowell said that CCM is saying the legislators are going to be delayed in their budget work because of snow days. Larry stated there has been nothing in writing from OPM regarding if cuts will be different then what has been expected. He said the state revenues are \$200 million short and is now borrowing money to pay the towns. Ed St John said the educational cuts have already been incorporated into the budget, however the road funding was not. Bill Stowell said he did ask the BOE members to come to tonight's meeting, but they had a meeting scheduled for the same time. He suggested they might hold a special meeting on an off night so they can meet with the 4 board members. Vincent Cipriano suggested coming up with questions prior to the meeting so that they would have the answers for them that night.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Joseph Drauss and seconded by Vincent Cipriano to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Primus, Recording Clerk
Cc: Board of Selectmen

Board of Finance and Alternates
Larry Hutvagner, Chief Financial Officer
Robin Stanziale, Town Treasurer
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