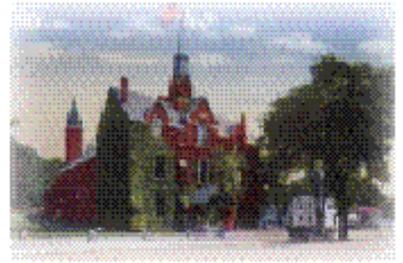


Town of Ayer

Finance Committee

Ayer Massachusetts, 01432



Location: Ayer Town Hall, Meeting Room
 Finance Committee Minutes

Tuesday January 3, 2012

Present: Brian Muldoon; Chairman, Scott Houde; Vice Chairman, John Kilcommins; Clerk,
 Absent: Michael Pattenden; member
 In Attendance: Mary Spinner, Lisa Gabree, Pauline Conley

Called to order at 7:12 pm by Brian Muldoon

- Review of Town Accountant’s FY2013 Budget
 - LG Led a review of the FY2013 budget binders. The binders have been distributed to the Fincom and include a summary sheet, copies of memos, and the departmental budgets received to date.
 - LG Led a review of her departments proposed 2013 budget.
 - BM- How do the deficits affect you?
 - LG-The 1% decrease is not a big deal due to the fluctuations in hardware costs. A 3% cut is tougher. If any printer or computer peripheral goes down I may need a reserve transfer.
 - LG-The part time intern is eliminated in the -3% budget. Would like the extra help from time to time.
 - BM-Where do you see areas for savings?
 - LG-Hard to identify when we are level funded or cutting budgets for years. Regionalization (ex Library) may help. Hopefully we will save on health care to offset the free cash shortage.
 - LG-for this budget cycle I see 5 main issues: 1. Health 2. Regional Assessment 3. Union negotiations 4. OPEB funding 5. Stabilization funding.
 - LG- A 1% COLA increase equates to a 50K general fund impact.
 - BM-Pauline, do you have any idea which way the BOS is leaning in regards to the town health care?
 - PC-No idea, the Board’s opinions change. We may have more support for increased health care costs if we include a payment (vs. wage increase) for town employees.

- Motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm

Motion	JK
Second	SH
B. Muldoon	Aye
S. Houde	Aye
J. Kilcommins	Aye
M. Pattenden	NA
Vote	3 – 0

Brian Muldoon, Chairman _____ Date _____

Scott Houde, Vice Chairman _____ Date _____

John Kilcommins, Clerk _____ Date _____

Michael Pattenden, member _____ N/A _____ Date _____

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