

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 11, 1974

Present: Chairman William F. Toomey, John C. Powers and John E. Taft

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William F. Toomey.

Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. it was on motion

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters with the Personnel Board, which if made public, might adversely affect the financial interest of the Town.

Reserve Fund Transfer Requests - Building Department (8:00 p.m.)

Present: Francis E. White, Building Inspector; John H. Wilson, Town Accountant.

#0556 - Town Hall Maintenance - The Building Inspector requested a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$2,750.00 to provide funds to cover the unforeseen increase in fuel costs for the remainder of the 18-month budget and to provide a full tank of fuel (10,000 gallons) at the end of the heating season, funds for which were not included in the 18-month budget.

Following consideration, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0556) from the Reserve Fund to Account 501-31, Town Hall Maintenance, in the amount of \$2,750.00 for unforeseen expenses as stated above.

#0557 - Loring Parsonage Maintenance - The Building Inspector requested a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$515.00 to provide funds to cover the unforeseen increase in fuel costs for the remainder of the 18-month budget, to cover the increased use of the Parsonage, and to provide a full tank of fuel (550 gallons) at the end of the heating season, funds for which were not included in the 18-month budget.

Mr. White stated that he would recommend, at a later date, that the present fuel tank be replaced by one with a larger capacity.

Following consideration, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0557) from the Reserve Fund to Account 501-33, Loring Parsonage Maintenance, in the amount of \$515.00 for unforeseen expenses as stated above.

#0558 - Centre School (White Building) Maintenance - The Building Inspector requested a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$1,456.00 to provide funds to cover the unforeseen increase in fuel costs for the remainder of the 18-month budget, and to provide a full tank of fuel (2,000 gallons) at the end of the heating season, funds for which were not included in the 18-month budget.

Following consideration, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion,

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0558) from the Reserve Fund to Account 501-32, Centre School Maintenance, in the amount of \$1,456.00, for unforeseen expenses as stated above.

#0559 - Selectmen - Custodial - The Building Inspector requested the amount of \$2,200.00 for money to provide the necessary funds to continue a temporary custodian at "Start" until June 30, 1974, as replacement due to the unforeseen illness of Edward A. Sherman, who has been on sick leave since December 17, 1973.

Following consideration, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0559) from the Reserve Fund to Account 501-15, Selectmen - Custodial, in the amount of \$2,200.00 for expenses as stated above.

#0560 - Selectmen's Out-of-State Travel - The Executive Secretary requested a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$115.00 to reimburse the original appropriation for unforeseen travel expenses for a member of the Planning Board. The Selectmen were of the opinion that it was not necessary to seek a transfer for the entire amount since a portion of the funds were available in the Out-of-State Travel account, and it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0560) from the Reserve Fund to Account #501-71, Selectmen's Out-of-State Travel, in the amount of \$60.00 for unforeseen expenses as stated above.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request - Fire Department

Present: Fire Chief Albert St. Germain and Town Accountant
John Wilson.

#0554 - Fire - Overtime - The Fire Chief requested a reserve fund transfer in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover cost of overtime coverage for vacations, men out sick, men attending emergency medical training school, off-duty fire time, and men taking time off in lieu of holiday pay.

Chief St. Germain stated that the following reasons, as set forth in his communication to the Board dated March 5, 1974, were the factors, on which the request for transfer was based:

1. The 18-month appropriation of \$65,500.00 as presented by the Finance Committee at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting was insufficient to cover the cost of items (increased vacation periods and minimum call-back time) in the firefighters' 1973 collective bargaining contract.
2. The large incidence of forest fires which occurred last spring.
3. The previous practice of personnel working on holidays for holiday pay had, this year, reversed, and 75% of his men had elected to take the time off. Coverage provided in these instances is much more costly.
4. The cost of providing overtime coverage for men in special courses.

Following consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve an emergency request for a transfer (#0554) from the Reserve Fund to Account 310-12, Fire - Overtime, in the amount of \$10,000.00 for unforeseen expenses as stated above;

and it was further

VOTED: That a copy of the Fire Chief's communication, dated March 5, 1974, which contains the overtime analysis, accompany the transfer request.

The Board requested that the Fire Chief attend the transfer request hearing, and he was in agreement.

Local Telephone Service

The Board received a communication dated March 5, 1974, from Robert M. Simon, 27 Surrey Lane, relative to a public hearing regarding local telephone service.

The Executive Secretary suggested that he meet, in this regard, as soon as possible, with Mr. Coyne, Manager of the Sudbury exchange of New England Telephone, and report back to the Board. The Board was in agreement.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of March 5, as amended,

the executive session of February 21, as submitted, the Town Fathers' Forum of February 25, as amended, and the special meeting of February 27, as amended.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:15 p.m. to attend the Planning Board hearings on zoning articles.

Attest: R.E. Thompson
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk