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**TOWN OF HAMILTON
FINANCE & ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 2015**

The Hamilton Finance & Advisory Committee: Rick Sprenkle, Charles Chivakos, Nick Tensen, David Wanger, Michele Stecyk (arrived at 6:35 p.m.) met at the Hamilton Public Safety Building at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2015. Town Manager Michael Lombardo and Finance Director Deborah Nippes-Mena also present.

Call to order

Rick Sprenkle called the Hamilton Finance & Advisory Committee meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Chair/Liaison Reports

Town Manager Michael Lombardo reported that the Planning Board approved the Special Permit for housing development on Patton Homestead. There is a brief appeal period. Discussion ensued about how the developer has complied with the zoning by-law relative to GOPD, Conservation Commission jurisdiction, Board of Health and Building Inspector's requirements.

Public Comment

None.

Minutes Approval – March 31, May 19, 2015

Charles Chivakos moved to approve the March 31, 2015 minutes. Nick Tensen seconded the motion. VOTE: 3-0-2 with Michelle Stecyk and David Wanger abstaining since they were not members at the time the meeting was held.

Chivakos moved to approve May 19, 2015 minutes. Tensen seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Review and vote year end transfers for 2015

Discussion ensued about budget surpluses from protection of persons and property, health and human services, unemployment, health insurance, and highway that could

be applied to reduce snow removal deficit. Chivakos moved to approve slate of \$174,872 of year end transfers. Tensen seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

FinCom reserve transfer

Discussion addressed request to transfer from FinCom reserve \$91,547 to account line 15423-520090 street cleaning for snow removal (appropriation was \$269,216.76) to reduce snow deficit and impact on FY'16 tax rate. Expenditures were unforeseen and extraordinary due to the snow season of 2015.

The remaining snow removal deficit after the transfer will be \$96,672. The deficit could be reduced further by end of June with any remaining budget surpluses. The deficit number will be adjusted at tax recap including \$20,000 from FEMA/MEMA. The major cost for snow removal is labor. The budget for street cleaning was \$50,000 and \$170,201 was spent. Also, \$65,000 was budgeted for salt and sand and \$109,000 was spent. The total snow removal budget including the deficit is \$481,897.12.

Chivakos moved to approve transfer of \$91,547 from FinCom reserve to account line 15423-520090 Street Cleaning for Snow Removal. Tensen seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Long term goals discussion

Discussion ensued about key strategic items including need to develop diverse housing stock in Hamilton, improve tax base, improve predictability in development process, CPA funding for large parcels coming available in Town, Chapter 61A and B land, OPEB, Winthrop School re-purpose, HW joint operations, marketing communications (i.e., presented in newsletter or prior to ATM including soliciting ideas from public), potential for anaerobic digester, solar array at landfill, and RFP for cell tower on Town property. Sprenkle will summarize the list for the Committee and it will be sent to stakeholders for feedback. Also noted was whether or not inquiry should be done with Avalon or other similar companies to assess interest in multi-family housing in Town.

Other business

Discussion ensued about FinCom liaison roles (new include: planning, schools, waste and water enterprises). This topic will be put on agenda for the next FinCom meeting so assignments can be completed.

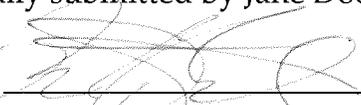
Next meeting dates

FinCom will meet next on June 22 at 6:35 p.m. at the Public Safety Building to discuss Winthrop School lease and liaison assignments, July 15 at 6:35 p.m. at Public Safety Building, and August 17 at 7 p.m. with BOS at Town Hall to review capital improvement plan and set budget parameters for FY'17.

Sprenkle entertained a motion for the FinCom to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Chivakos so moved. Tensen seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST:


Rick Sprenkle, Chairman