

MINUTES
SCARBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

Item 1. Call to Order. Chairman Hayes called the special meeting of the Scarborough Town Council at 7:02 p.m.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3. Roll Call. Roll was called by Yolande P. Justice, Town Clerk. Thomas J. Hall, Town Manager, was also present. The following Councilor were present:

Councilor Shawn A. Babine	Councilor Jean-Marie Caterina - Absent
Councilor Paul M. Johnson	Councilor William J. Donovan
Councilor Kathleen M. Foley	Councilor Donald R. Hamill
Chairman Peter F. Hayes	

Order No. 19-028. Act on the request from the Scarborough Board of Education to authorize the use of school impact fees to purchase a portable [two classrooms] and related expenses in an amount not to exceed \$260,000. [Board of Education] The following spoke on this Order:

- Larry Hartwell of Colby Drive, did not question the need for the portable, but questioned why the enrollment numbers had not been looked at before this. He also questioned why the School Department could not find the money for this in their current budget.

Motion by Councilor Babine, seconded by Councilor Foley, to move approval on the request from the Scarborough Board of Education to authorize the use of school impact fees to purchase a portable [two classrooms] and related expenses in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.

Vote: 6 Yeas.

Order No. 19-029. First reading and schedule a public hearing on the proposed FY2020 Municipal School Budgets. [Town Manager] The following spoke on this Order:

- Larry Hartwell of Colby Drive, felt that separating the presentation and the first reading was a good idea. He urged the Town Council to vote no on the FY2020 Budget and have the Town Manager and the Superintendent go back to the drawing board and bring in a budget under 3%.
- Amelia Sponseller of Gunstock Road supports the School Budget and urged the Council to approve the budget as is.
- Stacey Neumann of Windsor Pines Drive supports the current school budget and urged the Council to approve it as is. She also felt there were a lot of unmet needs in the school's budget that should be reviewed.
- John Cloutier of Wildwood Lane encouraged the Town Council to approve the first reading and reminded the Council that they just approved \$260,000 for new classrooms. He commented on the 3% goal that had been discussed.
- Hilary Durgin, Board of Education member, made the following statement: "I will be making a statement on behalf of the entire school board. We have been informed that there may be a motion to reduce the budget and I am not sure if I will have the opportunity to speak at that point. We are concerned that this type of motion will discredit the clearly established process on how we arrive at the final budget. The budget "goal" of a 3% or less increase in the MIL rate was understood by our superintendent and the board to be a final goal, meaning that this is

where we would be at the END of the process. We have met with the entire leadership team to learn about the school budget for this year and we are concerned that a change this late in the process (after they have worked under the impression that they build a budget for what we NEED), would create unnecessary angst amongst staff.

We have clear evidence that the budget has always been reduced from first to second reading. We all agree that the budget process is divisive and unproductive and want to improve it, however now, midway through the process, is not an appropriate or a responsible way to make such a drastic pivot.”

- Cindy Kueck of Moors Point Road also spoke on the proposed budget. We look at our budget and we adjust accordingly. The Town also needs to make adjustments and look at the changing needs of the community - we need to adjust to meet the needs of our community. She urged the Town Council to vote to approve the first reading of the budget as is.

Motion by Councilor Donovan, seconded by Councilor Johnson, to move approval of the first reading on the proposed FY2020 Municipal School Budgets and schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Motion by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Johnson, to move approval to amend the main motion on Order No. 19-029 for a new total Net Appropriation of \$68,857,282 for the purpose of meeting the budget goal and further to commit to a thorough and expedient process to consider all funding requests from the Town and School and to provide any additional funding above this amount as deemed necessary and appropriate.

Vote on amendment: 4 Yeas. 2 Nays [Councilors Babine and Donovan].

Main motion as amended:

Budget Order for Fiscal Year 2020

Be it ordered that the Scarborough Town Council moves approval of the first reading on the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and **schedule the public hearing for Wednesday, May 1, 2019**, on the line item appropriations and expenditures for all offices, agencies and departments of the Town as follows, and approves other additional operating expenditures which may result from the receipt of Federal or State funds or other grants and subsidies not requiring local taxation:

SUMMARY MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET 2020	
TOTAL EXECUTIVE	\$2,524,644
TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCE/GENERAL ASSISTANCE	344,415
TOTAL FINANCE ALL DIVISIONS	1,143,165
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS	1,455,868
TOTAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT ALL DIVISIONS	1,088,057
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ALL DIVISIONS	2,607,033
TOTAL LIBRARY NET – TOWN APPROPRIATION	1,164,166
TOTAL SEDCO	246,644
TOTAL FIRE ALL DIVISIONS	5,523,077
TOTAL POLICE ALL DIVISIONS	7,111,593
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS ALL DIVISIONS	6,891,977
TOTAL DEBT (Town Only)	5,981,585
MUNICIPAL TOTALS	\$36,082,224

Be it further ordered, that the Scarborough Town Council hereby appropriates the sum of **\$210,000** for Resident Senior Property Tax Relief as authorized under – Chapter 313 – Property Tax Assistance Ordinance; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Scarborough Town Council hereby appropriates, for school purposes, the Education Operating Budget (including school debt), the sum of **\$51,504,241** and the Town of Scarborough raises as the local share for the Education Operating Budget, the sum of **\$47,261,709**; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Scarborough Town Council hereby appropriates, for school purposes, the Education Adult Education and Food Services, the sum of **\$1,948,866** and the Town of Scarborough raises as the local share for the Education Adult Education and Food Services Budgets, the sum of **\$297,527**; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Chairperson of the Town Council to sign the Municipal Expenditure Warrant approving all expenditures paid at the regular meetings of the Town Council; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Town of Scarborough hereby appropriates the Town's due portion of the County Tax, in the amount of **\$2,956,659** for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Scarborough Town Council hereby appropriates for capital purposes, the sum of **\$2,402,070** for school capital programs and **\$4,569,867** for town capital programs and **\$171,100** as the initial funding for the town capital equipment reserve program; for a total Capital Budget of **\$7,143,037** to be funded from property taxes, lease and bond arrangements and other local, state and federal sources; and,

Be it further ordered, that the Total Gross Budget of **\$101,265,936** this total less estimated revenues and other credits of **\$31,108,654** result in a Net Appropriation of **\$68,857,282**, which shall be raised from taxation. The Scarborough Town Council further fixes **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, and **Monday, March 16, 2020**, as the dates upon each of which one-half of such tax is due and payable, and pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4 with interest to accrue upon taxes due and unpaid after each such date at the rate of **9.00%** per annum.

Be it further ordered, that in accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 506, the Tax Collector/Treasurer is authorized to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed or prior to any due date and pay no interest thereon. In accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, a taxpayer who pays an amount in excess of that finally assessed shall be repaid the amount of overpayment plus interest from the date of overpayment at the annual rate of **5.00%**.

Be it further ordered, that the Town Council hereby authorizes the Finance Director-Tax Collector/Treasurer or Deputy Tax Collector/Treasurer to withhold monies payable to the Town of Scarborough to cover taxes due pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 905; to sign on behalf of the Town, the necessary deeds and liens and tax settlements; and to invest funds in accordance with Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 5706; in accordance with Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 906, the Tax Collector/Treasurer is authorized to apply any tax payment received as payment for any property tax against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill and processed in the order of liens and fees, interest and then to principal and, after the date of perfection of the tax, the Tax Collector/Treasurer is authorized to discharge any obligation to collect unpaid property taxes in the amount of \$5.00 or less and remove same from the municipal books, pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 970-A.

Be it further ordered, that in the event that that the 2020 Municipal Budget exceeds the Property Tax Levy Limit for fiscal 2020, pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. Section 5721-A, it is the intent of the Town Council to increase the commitment to greater than the Property Tax Levy Limit.

Vote: 4 Yeas. 2 Nays [Councilors Babine and Donovan].

Item 4. Adjournment. Motion by Councilor Foley, seconded by Councilor Hamill, to move approval to adjourn the regular meeting of the Scarborough Town Council.

Vote: 6 Yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yolande P. Justice
Town Clerk