

Town of Columbia
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 15, 2018
(To commence following the Annual Town Meeting)
Yeomans Hall
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT

Members Present: Earnest Sharpe, Chairman; Judy Ortiz; Richard Szegda; Kelley Peck; Todd Shepard.

Members Absent: Jeff Viens, Vice Chairman; Dean Toepfer.

Also Present: Mark Walter, Town Administrator; Beverly Ciurylo, Finance Director

Audience of Citizens: Michelle Firestone, Reporter

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.** E. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 8:06 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. **New Business:**
 - 2.1 **Modification of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town Budget as FiPAC deems necessary for the purpose of presenting a revised budget at an Annual Budget meeting scheduled for May 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm in Yeomans Hall.** B. Ciurylo updated FiPAC on the municipal aid from the state. She stated that based on what the Town of Columbia budgeted, the Town will receive approximately an additional \$266,000.00 in municipal aid according to the recent CCM report on the recent adoption of the State budget. B. Ciurylo also explained that the Tax Collector's collection rate is approximately 98% of the tax revenue and added that the tax sale set for May 16, 2018 is contributing to this collection rate. E. Sharpe stated that with the new information received from the state, he suggests that the 18/19 mill rate be set at 29.33. R. Szegda stated that the mill rate of 29.33 would make sense and he likes the fact that we have an 18% fund balance. T. Shepard stated that the fund balance at 17% is too high and is concerned that we may be viewed as too wealthy of a town. He would be more comfortable with 15%.

 - 2.2 **Approval of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Tax Rate and setting of the date taxes shall be due and payable.** E. Sharpe MOVED to approve the Tax Rate at 29.33 mills and set the date taxes shall be due and payable July 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019. J. Ortiz SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 5-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - 3.1 **Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes of 4/25/18.** J. Ortiz MOVED to approve the 4/25/18 Public Hearing and Special Minutes. R. Szegda SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 5-0.

4. **Correspondence:**
 - 4.1 **BOS Meeting Minutes for 4/17/18 & 5/1/18.**

5. **Transfers:** R. Szegda MOVED and J. Ortiz SECONDED to approve the following transfers:

TRANSFER/ AMOUNT	FROM A/C# DESCRIPTION	TO A/C#, DESCRIPTION
#026 / \$591.00	10-4112-040 / Group Insurance	10-4112-460 / Commercial Insurance

#027 / \$ 60.00 \$2,200.00	10-4260-120 / Telephone 10-4260-230 / Electricity	10-4260-710 / Prof Improve. 10-4260-240 / Fuel
#028 / \$850.00	10-4112-040 /Group Insurance	10-4112-240 / Fuel
#030 / \$ 200.00 \$ 330.00 \$ 300.00 \$ 549.00 \$ 396.00 <u>\$ 300.00</u> Total <u>\$2,075.00</u>	10-4112-120 / Telephone 10-4136-120 / Telephone 10-4260-120 / Telephone 10-4410-120 / Telephone 10-4520-120 / Telephone 10-4530-120 / Telephone	10-4410-610 / Bldgs/Grounds Rep/Maint.
#031 / \$5,000.00 <u>\$3,110.00</u> Total <u>\$8,110.00</u>	10-4410-500 / Professional/Tech 10-4410-011 / Salaries- Public Works OT	10-4410-610 / Bldgs/Grounds Rep/Maint.
#035 / \$2,240.00	10-4800-900 / Contingency	10-4640-811 / Mach/Equipment <\$5,000
#039 / \$800.00	10-4510-500 / Prof Tech	10-4510-130 Legal Notices

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

6. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
7. **Adjournment:** Before adjourning the meeting, T. Shepard expressed his best wishes to Jeff Viens. T. Shepard MOVED to Adjourn at 8:32 pm and the MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer C. LaVoie