

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 6, 2011**

Present: Vice Chairman George Dentino, Clerk Douglas Annino, Selectman Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Olivier Kozlowski, William Ross Town Manager

Absent: Chairman Kevin Moran

Selectman Aptowitz introduced Firefighter Palmeri and Denise Anderson to the audience. The fire dept. is conducting a fund raiser for the Corey Shea flagpole by selling tee shirts in his honor. Shirts can be purchased at the fire station or online at Mansfieldfdlocal1820.com for \$20. All the proceeds will go to the fund.

MMED Budget review

Chairman Aptowitz opened the Electric Light Commissioners meeting. Gary Babin, MMED Director was also present.

Mr. Babin gave a brief overview of the FY12 MMED budget and the year's upcoming electric dept. projects.

Selectman Dentino had a question about the wiring for the Bonny Lane project. Although MMED Engineer Chris Cox is in charge of these projects, Mr. Babin and Mr. Ross were able to address the issues.

A further discussion ensued regarding the use of smart meters.

FY12 Operating Budget Summary:

Purchase power	\$20,177,073
Transmission	\$3,976,407
Distribution	\$1,413,146
Customer Service	\$903,520
Admin * General	\$807,348
Total before depreciation	\$27,277,494
Discounts /other expenses	\$1,385,381
Total operating expenses	30,268,758
Operating revenue	32,759,520

Other income	\$83,000
Net income	\$2,573,762
Misc credits to surplus	\$424,374
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$(485,000)
Increase to surplus	\$2,513,136
Rate of return	\$6.60%

After another brief discussion of the Capital Work Plan, Chairman Aptowitz stated that he would like to see a different methodology used in coming budgets for capital investments. Mr. Ross suggested that they utilize the depreciation methods used in private business for fixed assets. They will discuss it further with the FinComm.

Jack Goldberg and Tom Ratcliff, FinComm members, came to the podium to further discuss depreciation methods and budget overview.

Motion: To approve operating budget. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Motion: To approve capital work plan. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

The meeting concluded with a short discussion on electric dept. bonds.

Motion: To adjourn as Light Commissioner and resume at Board of Selectmen. (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Q & C

Bill Clemmey, Essex St. Questions about downtown parking and the issuance of merchant parking stickers. The current policy is not being utilized fair and equally among the merchants.

Chairman Moran stated they will review policy for further discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Clemmey also had a question about TIFS and other grants. He would like to see yearly updates given at town meeting.

Weekly Business

Town Meeting will be Thursday, May 26th. Date reaffirmed on advice of town counsel.

Motion: To postpone the annual town meeting from April 12, 2011 to May 26, 2011. (Annino/Dentino) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 11040T in the amount of \$195,890.62

Motion: To approve (Annino/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 11040E in the amount of \$1,578,199.18

Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 11040S in the amount of \$275,129.15

Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Warrant No. 11040PT in the amount of \$263,615.07

Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 3:1 passes (Dentino nay)

Warrant No. 11040TV in the amount of \$79,555.71

Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

- Water installer license application for Riccio Excavation. Water Operations Manager recommends approval.
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- Drainlayer license application for Cat Alley. Town Engineer recommends approval. **Motion:** To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- Application for Mansfield Youth Baseball parade. April 16th 10-11am.
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of March 23, 2011
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- Meeting minutes of March 30, 2011
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- SPREDD reappointment of Mary Burgess.
Motion: To approve Ms. Burgess as our rep. (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
- Hackney Driver applications from Mansfield Town Taxi.
 1. Ramaswamy Kortagere:
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes
 2. Scott Fagan:
Motion: To approve (Kozlowski/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes
 3. Kevin Davis:
Motion: To approve (Aptowitz/Kozlowski) 4:0 passes

Correspondence

- Email from Chief O'Neill (representing the Police Dept) thanking the bos for their support.
- Letter from Raynham Town Administrator, Randall Buckner asking for support in getting mitigation for the south coast rail project going through town. Discussion: The Town of Mansfield does not have any mutual interests in mitigation expenses.

Town Managers Report

- The Army Corp of Engineers has provided the town with a copy of the South Coast Rail Project for public review.
- Meeting with GATRA regarding town ramps will be coming up soon.

BOS Updates

- Selectman Kozlowski: None
- Selectman Aptowitz: Light Dept. meeting on Monday.
- Selectman Annino: Strategic Plan update soon.
- Selectman Dentino: Question on salt invoice: why is invoice being paid late?
Question on Ipad and accessories. (for parking agent)
Question on washer purchase at highway garage.
- Chairman Moran: Not present

Executive Session

Motion: Adjourn meeting at 9:25pm (Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

Motion: To convene to executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the governments bargaining or litigation position. (Dentino/Aptowitz) 4:0 passes

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman Dentino aye, Clerk Annino aye,
Selectman Kozlowski aye, Selectman Aptowitz aye. 4:0 passes

Douglas Annino

Signature of Clerk

April 13, 2011

Date of Approval