

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2015**

The Milford Board of Finance held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015, in Conference Room B of the Parsons Complex. Vice Chairman Castignoli called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Joseph Fitzpatrick
Joseph Castignoli
Mickel Montano
Scott Marlow

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Peter Erodici, Finance Director
Chris Saley, Public Works Director

Excused: Brian Lema

III. Consideration of Minutes of April 27, 2015

Mr. Marlow and Ms. Montano made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 27, 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Correspondence - None.

V. New Business

- A. Mr. Marlow and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #11, Fund 10, FY15.

Mr. Castignoli asked where the savings was found.

Mr. Saley explained in January the Ordinance was changed regarding fees concerning vans. He also stated they have been very vigilant at the transfer station as to items that are not allowed. He also noted it has been a fairly dry year, so that has resulted in a savings as well.

Mayor Blake spoke of the reasoning behind the Ordinance which change was regarding pick-up trucks with commercial/combo plates which was changed by the DMV.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if residents are required to have a city sticker.

Mr. Saley explained you show your license initially which is scanned and loaded into the system.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated he wished to clarify you have to be a Milford resident,

Mr. Saley replied yes.

Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if the savings is built into the budget recently passed.

Mr. Saley stated he discussed this account with Mr. Erodici and at this point they are not sure the trend would continue.

Mr. Marlow asked Mr. Saley if he expected to see the savings to continue.

Mr. Saley stated there is not any one factor that stands out. He reiterated with it being a fairly dry year, that resulted in a higher savings because of the weight of the trash. He also spoke of incentives for residents to be more efficient. He also commented on the need to invest in the infrastructure.

Mr. Marlow asked about the \$15,000 coming out of regular wages.

Mr. Erodici stated it was technically two separate requests at different times,

Mr. Marlow asked if the savings in wages is due to a position that was not filled.

Mr. Saley stated that typically when someone gives notice, there is a period of time when the position goes unfilled.

Mr. Castignoli asked if the \$380,000 is the tipping fee.

Mr. Saley replied yes. He also spoke of many changes coming especially in this building with the changeover to LED lighting, new heating system, etc. He also spoke of the lighting changes at City Hall as well as a new boiler.

Mr. Erodici also pointed out the change in the tipping fee.

Mayor Blake stated it went from \$65.00 per ton and now it was done to \$60.00 per ton and possibility as low as \$59.00. He also spoke of when other towns come into the consortium, with the potential of the rate going lower.

Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke of the reduction in electric bills of an average savings of \$13.00 per home. He asked it that would impact the city.

Mayor Blake stated the generation fees are through a Canadian company, which is less expensive overall.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Marlow made and seconded a motion to approve
Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #12, Fund 10, FY15.

Mr. Saley provided the Board with an overview of costs compared to last year at the same time. He stated included in the \$130,000 is their gas/oil treatment equipment which is on its last leg. Also, some issues with some of the buildings. He stated the department has been proactive with things overall instead of reactive. He also spoke about fuel oil where costs have increased. He cited the Simon Lake building that the city has assumed. He also spoke of the GPS system that they will be installing and will result in efficiencies overall.

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Staff Report – Mr. Erodici reported there are still vacancies in the department that they are working to resolve. He stated the accountant position was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Mayor Blake pointed out the mill rate remained the same as recommended by the Board of Finance.

VII. Adjourn

Being no further business, Mr. Marlow and Mr. Fitzpatrick made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary