

SPECIAL MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MARCH 31, 2003

The special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Haddad at 6:10 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Bellm, Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Schaefer, Thorkelson
Absent: Paterson, Rosen, Martin(ill)

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II. BUSINESS-BUDGET 03-04

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present for the Board of Education: Gordon Schimmel, Fred Baruzzi, members of Board, William Simpson, April Holinko, Christine Winter, Anneliese W. Reilly

Chairman of the Board, William Simpson summarized the Foreword to the Board's Proposed Budget. The budget for 2003-04 represents an increase of \$1,242,310 or 8.1 % as compared to the present year. Last spring the decision was made to reduce the current year budget by \$300,000 using a one-time savings in fiscal year 2001-2002. There is a need for a 0.6 World language teacher and an 0.4 increase for the reading academy teacher. One additional instructional assistant to support a new Special Education placement is also needed. The Board of Education realizes that this is a financially difficult year and will be willing to work with the Council to come to a reasonable budget. They are appreciative of the Council's past support.

**** FLAGGED-Board of Education

ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Pg. 5 Town Manager

Pg. 7 Jeff Smith, Finance Director, discussed the 10 year trend of the Board of Education and Regional Board #19-the expenditures and increases in student enrollment.

Finance Director also noted that the Regional District #19 Board will be meeting and will be making decisions on a possible reduction of \$330,000.00

Pg. 8 Debt Service Jeff Smith explained that \$250,000 Mohegan Pequot money went into debt service.

Pg. 10 Staff changes Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, discussed the proposed staff changes.

Pg. 12 Non-Profit Funding

Town Manager spoke on the requests.

***FLAGGED WRTD Pre-Paid Fare Program

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Pg. 55 Summary

Pg. 56-57 Legislative 11100

Pg. 58-59 Municipal Management 12100

Pg. 60-61 Personnel Management

Pg. 62-63 Town Attorney

Pg. 64-65 Probate Court

Pg. 66-67 Registrars

Pg. 68-69 Town clerk

Pg. 70-71 General Elections

Pg. 73-77 Finance

Pg. 78-79 Revenue Collection

Pg. 80-81 Assessment

Pg. 82-85 Central Copying, Services

Pg. 86-87 Information Technology

PUBLIC SAFETY

Pg. 89 Summary

Pg. 90-91 Police Supervision

Pg. 92-93 Police Protection

Pg. 94-95 Animal Control Dianne Gaudreau was present to answer question

Pg.96-101 Fire Protection Dave Dagon was present to answer questions

Pg. 96-96, 102-103 Fire Marshal and Civil Preparedness John Jackman was present to answer questions

PUBLIC WORKS

Pg. 105-117 Lon Hultgren was present to answer questions. Request for a list of vehicles and total cost to operate fleet.

Pg. 118-119 Engineering

BUILDING

Pg. 120-121 Building Inspection

Pg. 122-123 Building Maintenance

SOLID WASTE

Pg. 207-215 Waste Management-Lon Hultgren commented that he was speaking with both Preston and Lisbon facilities and requesting proposals from each.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Thorkelson moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. No objections. Meeting adjourned.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk