

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

April 11, 2012

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

- I. ROLL CALL  
Present: Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Shapiro  
Excused: Keane, Kochenburger, Paulhus, Schaefer
- II. BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Board of Education Members: April Holinko, Mark LaPlaca, Shamim Patwa, Jay Rueckl, Randall Walikonis and Superintendent of Schools Fred Baruzzi  
Board of Education Chair Mark LaPlaca outlined the proposed budget describing the deferrals made, the zero increase for the bargaining units and the strategic use of the reserved funds. Superintendent Baruzzi stated the quality and breath of the programs has been retained and commented on the State's Minimum Budget Requirement
- III. INTERNAL SERVICES PROGRAM  
Director of Information Technology Jamie Russell presented an overview of the major IT initiatives proposed in this budget. Director of Finance Cherie Trahan highlighted the revenues and expenditures and explained how the Management Service Fund works.
- IV. OTHER AGENCIES FUND  
Ms. Trahan described the Town's relationship with the Day Care Fund and the Eastern Highland Health Fund.  
FLAG – Describe what items are included in the Miscellaneous Fees line of the Day Care Fund. Pg. 218.  
Staff reviewed the expenses incurred by the Cemetery Committee.
- V. TOWN-WIDE  
Assistant to the Town Manager Maria Capriola reviewed Employee Benefits and the Town's Liability Automobile and Property Insurance Funds. The Director of Finance explained the use of the Contingency Fund for unsettled contracts.
- VI. BUDGET RECAP  
The Town Manager reviewed the new budget pages showing the decrease in the budget of Region 19 and the effect that has on the proposed mill rate.  
FLAG – Provide a list of tax rates from comparable sized towns.
- VII. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET/COUNCIL QUESTIONS  
Town Council members were asked to forward any questions to the Town Manager and Finance Director as soon as possible.
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT  
Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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