

TOWN OF MANSFIELD

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14 ,2008

Present: Carl Schaefer, Alison Blair, Mayor Paterson, Helen Koehn, Gene Nesbitt,
Matt Hart, Curt Vincente, and Cherie Trahan

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

We began with the minutes of the November 13, 2007 and December 3, 2007 meetings.

Curt Vincente discussed his proposed budget savings plan for fiscal year 2007/08. Savings will be realized through the Aquatic Coordinator's position remaining unfilled while that employee fills the vacant Member Services Coordinator position. Another savings area is the production of the brochure, which goes out 4 times a year. Much of the work that has been done by our consultant will now be done through a program offered by the Norwich Bulletin. The quality is expected to be the same with a significant reduction in cost.

The committee discussed the upcoming Financial Retreat. It is typically held on a Saturday morning. Discussion items will include the quarterly financial reports as well as State trends.

Matt Hart informed the committee of Officer Palmer's retirement. The current year budget will be affected by his separation pay. Since police services are vital, we will

need to backfill the vacancy. Matt suggested that because of the timing, we may fill with a State Trooper.

There was a brief discussion on the Region's upcoming budget. The committee agrees that it might be helpful to invite the Mansfield representatives from the Region Board in to discuss our concerns, as Mansfield will bear the largest burden of the 2008/09 budget.

Motions:

Motion was made by Alison Blair and seconded by Carl Schaefer to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2007 and December 3, 2007 meetings. Motion so passed.

Motion was made by Alison Blair and seconded by Carl Schaefer to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cherie Trahan

Controller/Treasurer