

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1975

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, John E. Taft and William F. Toomey

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order by Chairman John C. Powers.

Fire Department - Transfer Request #617

Present: Fire Chief Josiah Frost

The Board met with Josiah Frost, Fire Chief, to discuss his letter of February 25 requesting a transfer in the amount of \$14,334.24 from the Reserve Fund to Account 310-12, Fire Overtime and Extra Hire. After review and consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request for a Reserve Fund Transfer (#617) in the amount of \$1,600.00 to Account 310-12, Fire Overtime and Extra Hire, to cover expenses already incurred for vacation coverage, sick coverage and fire time during the months of February.

In addition, the Board of Selectmen directed the Fire Chief to resubmit a new transfer request as soon as possible for Fire Department overtime to cover the remaining period to June 30, 1975, and in doing so, pay particular attention to clarifying or answering the following points:

1. Stress that during the remainder of the fiscal year shifts will be at less than full coverage.
2. Clarify that any remaining funds in account are not part of the transfer request.
3. Recalculate Captains' sick coverage and reduce as much as possible.
4. Make a comparison of monthly expenditures for the last six months of 1973 and 1974.
5. On page 2 of the February 25th memorandum, clarify all six points under the second paragraph and, wherever mention is made of cause for increase because of collective bargaining, show corresponding dollar amount in detail.
6. With the Exec. Sec. and the Town Accountant, determine whether or not it may be possible to use the year-end uncommitted balance of Account 310-11, Salaries, projected at the present time to be approximately \$5,800.00, to help offset this Fire overtime transfer request.

After discussion with the Fire Chief, it was agreed to request the Finance Committee to withdraw the Board's previous Reserve Fund Transfer Request #607 to replace the existing fire alarm system, and request the same in the 1975-76 Fire budget.

Police Department - Transfer Request #609

Present: Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi

The Board met with Chief Nicholas Lombardi relative to his request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund to Account 320-31, Police Maintenance, in the amount of \$6,000. After discussion it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Police Chief's request for a Reserve Fund Transfer (#609) in the amount of \$5,000 to Account 320-31, Police Maintenance, to cover unanticipated gasoline and maintenance costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Reserve Fund

In view of the Board's concern for the large number of Reserve Fund transfers being requested, with the corresponding problem of the limited funds available in the Reserve Fund, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to notify in writing all Town departments under their jurisdiction of the importance of staying within their original appropriations, and, if this is not possible, that the Executive Secretary's office be notified immediately. The Board further suggested that copies of the forementioned letter go to both school systems and that the Town Accountant should notify all other boards and commissions of the status of the Reserve Fund and the importance of their notification to him of any accounts they feel will be depleted prior to June 30, 1975.

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After consideration and discussion, the Board of Selectmen unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw Article 45 requesting \$5,000 for alternate Fire/Police Headquarters planning funds and to so inform the Finance Committee of this action.

In other action, the Board of Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to delete the dollar amount under the Selectmen's requested column for Unclassified - Salary Adjustment, Account 950-100, and to so inform the Finance Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Attest: Richard E. Thompson
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk