

SPECIAL MEETING of the Burrillville Town Council held Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 6:03 P.M. in the Town Council Chambers, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI, for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Relative to discussion and consideration –

10-168 FY 2011 Operating Budget

Note: The Town Council may vote to exceed the tax cap levy, pursuant to the provisions of RIGL 44-5-2(e), which would require the affirmative vote of six (6) members.

1) Resolution adopting the FYE June 30, 2011 Operating Budget

Council President Nancy F. Binns announced that limited public comment would be entertained after the budget summary and before town council deliberation. At the request of Council President Binns, the proposed FY2011 budget was reviewed and earlier discussions summarized by Michael C. Wood, Town Manager. At the request of

Council President Binns, Dr. Frank Pallotta, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the impact of various budget proposals on the School Department. There was discussion of the side funds established at a special meeting held June 30, 2010.

The Town Council, Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and School Committeeman Raymond Trinque reviewed possible Budget Resolutions based on the “C” and “D” budget options considered and discussed at the June 30, 2010 workshop. The School Department budget needs and the possibility of increasing the School Department budget through the use of a side fund were discussed.

The options that included different values of motor vehicle tax exemptions were reviewed.

There was discussion of the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library budget.

VOTED to add \$13,000 to the operating budget of the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The motion carried, six in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville. Councilor Robert A. Bishop voted in opposition.

There was discussion of the Police Department budget.

MOTION to add \$57,000 to the budget to retain the police officer.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. There was no second to the motion.

There was further discussion of possible budget resolutions based on variations of the “D” budget options originally considered and discussed at the workshop of June 30, 2010. There was discussion of: the suitability of increasing the School Department budget, the road account and the library budget; the potential of eliminating the side fund for School Department unemployment; and increasing the School Department budget through a side fund.

MOTION to select budget option “D2”, which would give an additional \$950,000, of which \$700,000 would go to the School Department, \$200,000 to the highway road account, and \$13,000 to the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, and the remainder to go to the General Fund Contingency Fund.

Motion by Councilor Nancy F. Binns. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion failed, five in favor, two opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman

C. Mainville. Councilors Robert A. Bishop and Margaret L. Dudley voted in opposition.

MOTION to adopt the D-4 option, which would leave the motor vehicle exemption at \$2,500; \$700,000 to the School Department; with the caveat that at the next official meeting of the Council, that we would use the \$180,000 that was previous appropriated for unemployment funding; and that would be put in the roads account.

Motion by Councilor Robert A. Bishop. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

There was a recess from 7:33 P.M. to 7:49 P.M.

VOTED to adopt following resolution:

Budget Resolution

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011

Option D-4 Revised

SECTION A.

That a resolution of the Town of Burrillville adopting the annual Town Budget for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year be adopted.

Whereas, the Burrillville Town Charter provides in Article Ten for the budget process and specifically in Section 10.04 (F) for the final adoption of the Town Budget including School Operations.

And whereas, the final budget when adopted shall show a balance between authorized appropriation and anticipated receipts.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town Council adopts a final budget for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year of \$ 43,783,930. This total budget is divided into the following Sections:

(1) Total Town Operating Appropriation: \$ 9,261,668

(2) Total Town Indebtedness and Interest Appropriation: \$ 5,560,606

****NOTE 1**

(3) Total Other Transfers: \$ 5,000

(4) Total Town Capital Improvement Appropriation: \$ 1,317,462 **NOTE 2

(5) Total School Department Appropriation: \$26,909,194 **NOTE 3

(6) Overlay Variance Appropriation for Tax Abatements, Refunds and Uncollected Taxes:

\$ 730,000

Total Appropriation: \$43,783,930

The Total Adopted Departmental Budgets as recommended by the Town Manager, and amended by the Town Council, for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year is attached and incorporated as part of this resolution.

SECTION B.

That the Town Council hereby orders the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable real estate and tangible personal property in a sum not less than \$22,821,195 and not more than \$23,551,195, based upon current estimated assessed valuations.

The Total Revenues allocated for Town and School Expenditures are broken out as follows:

**(1) Total Estimated School Department Revenues: \$
12,087,132 **NOTE 3**

(2) Total Estimated Town Non-Property Tax Revenues: \$ 7,562,709

(3) Total Funding Other Sources:

a. Spring Lake Fund

b. Burrillville Extended Care

c. Health Benefit Fund

d. Wastewater Treatment Fund

e. Major Capital Fund

f. Debt Reduction – Callahan School

\$ 38,322

33,322

150,000

245,000

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116,250 **NOTE 1

Subtotal Other Funding Sources \$ 582,894

(4) Application of General Fund Balance: \$ -0- _____ **NOTE 4

(5) Application of School General Fund Balance: \$ -0- _____

(6) Total Estimated Amount to be raised from Property Taxes:

Class I Real Estate and Tangible

Personal Property 84.51%

Class II Motor Vehicles 15.49%

\$19,903,115

3,648,080

Subtotal Estimated Amount –From Property Taxes \$23,551,195

Total Revenues: \$43,783,930

Total Estimated Net Assessed Valuations:

Class I Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property \$1,271,662,319

Class II Motor Vehicles \$ 91,130,494

Total Estimated Net Assessed Valuations \$1,362,792,813

The Estimated Percentage of the Tax Levy to be raised from:

Class I Property is Projected to be 84.51%

Class II Property is Projected to be 15.49%

The Total Tax Rates to raise the above percentages of the Tax Levy

are to be no greater than:

Class I Real Estate & Tangible Personal Property \$15.65

Class II Motor Vehicle \$40.00

An exemption in the valuation amount of \$ 2,500 shall be applied to all motor vehicles and trailers subject to an excise tax as provided in RIGL 44-34.1.

Any and all revenue/receipts (prior and current fiscal year ending 2010 shall be considered to be part of the general receipts of the Town and shall not supplement nor increase the amount appropriated to a specific department by the Town Council). This does not apply to direct reimbursements (e.g. insurance, grants, cancelled orders).

Subsequent to the adoption of this budget by the Town Council, should State Aid be higher than anticipated, the amount will be utilized to adjust the tax rate in lieu of increasing the related appropriations for Town and School Operations.

Municipal department expenses incurred during their normal operation that will result in the over expenditure of a given municipal department's appropriation for the given year shall be balanced through transfers from the General Fund Contingency line item by the Finance Director who shall notify the Town Council of any transfer at the next Town Council meeting.

Now, therefore, be it further resolved, that the tax levy WILL EXCEED the four and one-half percent (4.50%) annual cap as imposed by Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 44-5-2, as amended.

Said Taxes are for ordinary expenses, the payment of Town interest and indebtedness in whole or in part, the payment of the Town's proportion of the State Tax, and for other purposes authorized by law.

The Tax Assessor having assessed and apportioned said tax on the ratable property of said Town as of the 31st day of December 2009 at Twelve o'clock midnight, according to law, and shall on completion of said assessment, date, certify and sign the same and deliver to and deposit the same in the office of the Town Clerk, on or before July 8, 2010.

The Town Clerk on receipt of said assessment, shall forthwith make a copy of the same and deliver it to the Town Treasurer/Finance Director who shall forthwith issue and affix to said copy, a warrant under his hand, directed to the Collector of Taxes of said Town, commanding him to proceed and collect said tax of the persons and estates liable therefore, said tax shall be due and payable on the 15th day of July, 2010.

Said tax may be paid in equal quarterly installments, the first installment of 25 per centum on or before the 1st day of August 2010 and the remaining installments as follows:

25 per centum on the 1st day of November 2010

25 per centum on the 1st day of February 2011

25 per centum on the 1st day of May 2011

Each installment of taxes if paid on or before the 1st day of each installment period successively and in order shall be free from any charges for interest.

If the first installment or any succeeding installment of taxes is not paid by the last day of the respective period or periods as they occur, then the whole tax or remaining unpaid balance of the tax as the case may be shall immediately become due and payable and shall carry until collected a penalty at the rate of Twelve (12) per centum per annum from August 1, 2010.

This Resolution adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 will become effective July 1, 2010 unless amendments are made prior to July 1, 2010.

****NOTE 1. This budget does not include utilizing funds from the Town's Debt Reduction Fund for the purpose of funding a portion of outstanding annual debt obligation associated with the Callahan School Bond issue as provided in Section 2-113 [d] 4 of the Town Ordinances.**

****NOTE 2. The Capital Portion of this budget, which does not include the use of Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund Balance, was adopted in accordance with the Town Charter Section 3.14 (j) at a Public Hearing held on March 24, 2010. As such, the Capital Budget as voted on March 24, 2010, is hereby incorporated into the overall budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.**

****NOTE 3. The School Department Expenditure and Revenue Appropriation does not incorporate State Aid targeted for several programs including the following: Student Equity, Technology, Early Childhood, Language Investment, and Professional Development, which shall be received by the Finance Director/Town Treasurer and accounted for separately by the School Department.**

****NOTE 4. The Operation Portion of this budget does not include the use of Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund Balance. The transfer of these funds would require the affirmative vote of six (6) Council members due to the appropriation of funds from the Unreserved Undesignated General Fund Balance [Town Charter 3.14 (j)].**

Adopted as a resolution this 7th day of July 2010

Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

2) VOTED to adopt a Resolution adopting the Extended Care Program FYE June 30, 2011 Operating Budget, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Resolution

The Town Council has previously established by ordinance an Extended Care Program within the Recreation Department. The ordinance requires the program to be self supporting.

The Extended Care Program request for funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 is \$425,800 for operations, based on expected revenue of at least \$425,800. The sum of \$425,800 is hereby appropriated subject to program receipts or grants totaling \$425,800. To the extent receipts fall short of projected revenue, the appropriation is reduced to equal revenue receipts unless otherwise voted by the Town Council.

Adopted as a resolution this 7th day of July 2010.

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Robert A. Bishop. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

3) VOTED to adopt a Resolution adopting the Spring Lake Beach FYE June 30, 2011 Operating Budget, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Resolution

The Town Council has previously established the operation of the Spring Lake Beach within the Recreation Department. The Spring Lake Beach operation is intended to provide a program that is deemed to be self supporting.

The Spring Lake Beach Program request for funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 is \$115,500 based on expected revenue of at least \$115,500. The sum of \$117,500 is hereby appropriated subject to program receipts or grants totaling \$117,500. To the extent receipts fall short of projected revenue, the appropriation is reduced to equal revenue receipts unless otherwise voted by the Town Council.

Adopted as a resolution this 7th day of July 2010

Motion by Councilor Kevin D. Heitke. Seconded by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

4) VOTED to adopt a Resolution adopting the June Rockwell Levy Ice Rink FYE June 30, 2011 Operating Budget, as follows:

Burrillville Town Council

Resolution

The Town Council has previously established the operation of the June Rockwell Levy Ice Rink within the School Department. The June Rockwell Levy Ice Rink operation is intended to provide a program that is deemed to be self supporting.

The June Rockwell Levy Ice Rink request for funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011 is \$417,330 based on expected revenue of at least \$417,330. The sum of \$417,330 is hereby appropriated subject to program receipts or grants totaling \$417,330. To the extent receipts fall short of projected revenue, the appropriation is reduced to equal revenue receipts unless otherwise voted by the Town Council.

Adopted as a resolution this 7th day of July 2010

Motion by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. Seconded by Councilor Robert A. Bishop. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the

motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

VOTED to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Robert A. Bishop, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

The meeting was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk