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Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
With the
Raymond Board of Selectmen

2007-2008 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Monday, January 8, 2007

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Frank McDermott; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Tucker Cole; Robert Gosselin; Sue Accardi; and Jerilyn Ward.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: Ralph Bartholomew.

Selectmen present: Joe Bruno; and Dana Desjardins

Selectmen absent: Mark Gendron, Mike Reynolds, and Lonnie Taylor.

Staff present: Nathan White, Public Works Director; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Kevin Woodbrey, Technology Director

Staff absent: Don Willard, Town Manager

Others present: Charles Leavitt.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Broadcast Studio saying that they would not be voting on the CIP tonight but would wait until the entire budget comes before them.

NOTE: Official minutes will be the DVD recording of the meetings. Written minutes will be action taken only.

2. CIP Discussion.

The Budget/finance committee looked at the CIP and discussed its ramifications with Nathan White and Denis Morse. The CIP for Revaluation was questioned but acknowledged that accruing funds for this eventuality was beneficial to the tax base over time. The definition for a CIP item was the actuarial value of over \$5,000 and/or last more than 5 years.

7:17 pm

The CIP items of a Public Works replacement truck and paving bond were felt to be imperative by the Public Works Director. It was noted that funds could be moved around the CIP accounts; however, if it is a reserve fund it has to be used for that specific purpose.

7:31 pm

The Fire Department CIP had no changes from last year because their intention was to rebuild instead of purchase. There was a request that the Fire Department budget be

separated into Fire Department, Dispatch, and Rescue. It was noted that the CIP is carried forward year to year until it is used. It was indicated that the reserve account could only be used for the items designated unless permission is given by the Selectmen to use it otherwise. A request was made for the accrued amounts in each of the CIP accounts. There was discussion about the merits of bonding for spending.

8:04

Dispatch was discussed about outsourcing Dispatch but having one person on staff as receptionist/secretary and having fulltime paramedics.

8:22 pm

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 11, 2007 at the Broadcast Studio 7:00 pm. to discuss Provider Agencies. A change to the budget inclusion of Provider Agency requests might remove them from the budget and put a check off choice on the tax bill where the taxpayer would volunteer money over and above the tax bill.

8:31 pm

There was a question about the consolidation of Raymond's school and municipal services. It was noted that a proposed program has not been formulated to date. It was felt a proposal should be authored and include payroll outsourcing.

3. Adjournment: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk