TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 27, 2011 - 6:00 P.M.

Board of Selectmen Members Present: Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Vice Chairman Roland Barrett, Secretary Charlie Poulin and Selectmen John Laura and Bob Baker

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin and Finance Committee Members Ouellette, Rapoza, Herrick, Ryan and Dean-Wing

The Board meets jointly with the Finance Committee in connection with the proposed FY12 Budget.

Discussion with the Board of Health Secretary regarding trash collection and disposal. The Board of Health members did not attend the meeting as requested. The Finance Committee would like the Board of Health to work on optional methods of trash collection and disposal as soon as possible. Additionally, the town is anxious to know the status of the Wheelabrator contract which is in the hands of Town Counsel.

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee is present to discuss their FY12 Budget. Chairman Singleton explains the process by which the school budget was prepared. Superintendant Shaver-Hood provides a handout and speaks to the current fiscal situation of the District. Mr. Buckley review the specifics of the budget cuts and explains the additional amount being requested from the Town. Lengthy discussion follows regarding various cost-cutting measures and the School Committee addresses questions and concerns from the parties and residents.

Leo Therrien, Chairman of the Council on Aging is present to address the status of the Senior Center. He would like to see the Senior Center stay open for the benefit of the elders in town as there is nowhere else for them to go.

General budget discussion follows between the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee regarding the additional costs a 2-1/2 override would cost to the taxpayer owning an average home. Questions are addressed from members of the audience.

The Executive Secretary presents the most recent budget adjustments necessary in connection with the latest information received.

The Board reviews the FY11 Budget Adjustments and agrees with the Finance Committee to alter the funding sources originally voted.

Lengthy discussion follows regarding the funding of a 2-1/2 override. Specifically, much discussion took place concerning whether to fund the trash line items fully or partly. Discussion followed regarding how to deal with the Overlay Surplus and Ambulance Receipts available funds. The Finance Committee would like to reduce the amount asked for by the School Department. The Board is in agreement to lower the amount to \$100,000. The Finance Committee's recommendation to the Board is to vote an override question for \$300,000 for operating expenses and \$100,000 for the Schools.

Adjourn

On a motion by Barrett and second by Poulin, the Board votes unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Thomas J. Petrowicz

Charles G, Poulin

Robert F. Baker

Roland P. Barrett

John M. Laura