

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2009**

Chris Smith, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Smith, Paul Wetzel, Gordon Allen, Kim Boas, Gary Benoit, Charlie Heath and Eric Ceretta

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Buchele and Chris Morris

SELECTBOARD: Jeff Cuiffreda, Dave Mathers and Denis Banister

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Herzberg and John Cotton

MINUTES:

The minutes of March 19<sup>th</sup> were approved as amended regarding Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. to include “from funds currently held in an escrow account held by Highland Valley”. Also noted was a correction in the spelling of Ciuffreda. Motion PE/Second GA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Regional School: Barbara Ripa, Cindy Landers and Pat Clem (new principal of HRHS) came in to discuss good news with their budget. Including an infusion of stimulus money, the town’s assessment will decrease by \$94,000.00 and the budget appears to be fairly stable for the next few years. Paul questioned if there was any long range planning to save money and the answer was yes, that busing and teacher’s contracts are being considered.

RSFT: (1) \$2,523.19 transferred to the Highway Department for vehicle fuel, which covers through the end of March. Motion EC/Second KB. Passed unanimously. (2) The Library had requested a transfer of \$479.75 for the maintenance account. Motion GA/Second GB. It was decided that further discussion is necessary regarding staffing salaries and the maintenance account. The original motion and second were withdrawn until the Library presents its budget to the committee.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS: April 16, April 23 and April 30 @ 7:00 P.M. Bill Turner is scheduled to present the Highway Department budget on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Chris will extend an open invitation to Pete Mahieu to attend the Finance Committee meetings in order to help prepare a balanced budget to the town.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M. Motion GA/Second KB. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. Rowley  
Recording Secretary