

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE AND DECLARING THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES FROM SUCH BORROWINGS

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Council Chambers

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President Rob Bouvier called the hearing to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present were Councilors Holly Abery-Wetstone, Rob Bouvier, Kevin Connors, Carl Donatelli, Liz Gillette, Andrew Schoolnik and John Shulansky. Councilors Jim O'Brien and Al Turco were absent.

President Bouvier: Mr. O'Connor is there a sign up sheet?

Councilor Shulansky: You have them all there in front of you.

President Bouvier: Thank you. Mr. Feldman.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, it is a supplemental appropriation to help finance the cost of building the expanded skating rink.

President Bouvier: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Any questions or comments from the Council at this time? Mr. Shulansky.

Councilor Shulansky: Through you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Feldman how will this affect our capacity for future bonding? This I understand is a twenty-year bond.

Mr. Feldman: It is a twenty-year bond that shouldn't have any dramatic affect. It has been included in our model. As you know, we are anticipating revenues separate and apart from general tax dollars to finance this.

Councilor Shulansky: And if you, through you Mr. Mayor, if you would just for the record explain how we intend to finance this additional bonding, how we intend to cover the cost of this additional bonding?

President Bouvier: Mr. Feldman.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, again it is financed primarily by users both through skating fees or revenue generated by the party room or revenue generated by retail sales of material, skating materials like skates and other apparel that people buy and wear and use when they skate. The additional hours of operation given that the rink will be open just about year round as opposed to the eight months out of the twelve months that it is currently operating and all of those features will allow additional revenue to be generated that will help amortize this debt.

President Bouvier: Thank you, Mr. Feldman. Any other questions? Mrs. Gillette.

Councilor Gillette: If we do not see for some reason the revenue increase, I'm assuming we will, I will make the assumption that we can continue with current revenues but if we do not

see the revenue increase, how will that impact our capacity to bond, sort of worse case scenario in effect?

President Bouvier: Mr. Feldman.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Gillette, if your question is if we have to pay some part of this debt service out of our own general funds will it limit us as far as additional bonding.

Councilor Gillette: Well, our planned bonding.

Mr. Feldman: The quick and simple answer is probably not and the model anticipates a certain amount of change or correction every year and certainly not to say that this is a minor amount of money but in the overall scheme of the amount that we normally borrow some portion of this \$1 million if we should have to pay for it out of general funds shouldn't affect our overall long term financing plan for capital improvements.

Councilor Gillette: Thank you.

President Bouvier: Thank you. Mr. Schoolnik.

Councilor Schoolnik: Mr. Feldman, just to make sure that I understand correctly, the original cost of the skating rink was \$3 million, the original estimate I guess.

Mr. Feldman: Mr. Mayor, that is correct.

Councilor Schoolnik: And now we are \$4.1 million, through you Mr. Mayor, I'm sorry.

Mr. Feldman: Right.

Councilor Schoolnik: Okay, I was just making sure of that number.

President Bouvier: Any other questions or comments? If not, we will close the public hearing.

The hearing adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Norma W. Cronin
Town Clerk/Council Clerk