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## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

### ***Warrant Article Explanations***

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009**

**6:30 p.m.**

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Tolland Regional High School, Feedings Hills Road, in the Auditorium.

**HAMPDEN SS.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Southwick in the County of Hampden:

#### **GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet and assemble at the SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM ON Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. then and there for the Special Town Meeting and to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,500.00 for the following salary accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Fire Fighter/EMT                      \$ 1,500.00

Requested by the Fire Chief

#### **ARTICLE 1 Explanation:**

***This overtime is to cover fire/ambulance calls that run past or start before normal working hours, calls during the off hours that are responded to and training that is required and held at other than normal working hours***

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$266,200.00 for the following operations accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Snow/Ice Removal                      \$200,000.00

**ARTICLE 2 Explanation:** ***The Town experienced an above average winter (65 inches snow). Many snow and ice events occurred requiring overtime and the use of outside hired vendors. This will allow the Town to close out its books in balance without a snow/ice deficit as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise the deficit would be added to next fall's tax bill.***

Sewer Effluent Fees                      \$50,000.00

***Each fiscal year the Sewer Division Budget includes approximately \$187,000 for the payment of processing sewage flows at the Westfield Sewage Treatment Plant. These fees are billed by Westfield through quarterly invoices that overlap from fiscal year to fiscal year by three months. This requires that one quarter of the \$187,000 needs to be carried over from one fiscal year to another through an accounting process that is requested by the DPW Sewer Division. The request for this carry over from fiscal year 2008 to 2009 was not done. The funds that were not used went back to the Sewer Retained Earnings Account as being unused. The payment of the last quarter of the 2008 sewer flow fees to Westfield now requires that the funds be transferred back to the fiscal year 2009 sewer budget from Sewer Retained Earnings.***

Water Division Testing      \$ 5,000.00

***This transfer of \$5,000 from water retained earnings into the FY 2009 Water Operations Budget will allow the Water Division to pay for the increased cost and frequency of the testing of the water as required by The Department of Environmental Protection.***

Water Division Paving      \$10,000.00

***This transfer of \$10,000 from water retained earnings into the FY 2009 Water Operations Budget will allow the Water Division to repave roads that were excavated to repair water main leaks.***

EMS      \$ 1,200.00

***Ambulance Fees \$1,200.00. This transfer of \$1,200.00 from the EMS Retained Earnings pays for the outside collection agency to invoice and collect funds for ambulance calls. There has been an increase in the number of calls.***

**ARTICLE 3.**      To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$185,000.00 to purchase one new and unused Type 1 ambulance, or take any other action relative thereto.

***This is to replace the 1995 Ford ambulance that is in need of body work due to rust and has reached an age of decreased reliability and increased repairs.***

Given under our hands at said Southwick this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May the year of the Lord two thousand and nine.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_ Roger B. Cataldo, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Arthur G. Pinell, Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ David A. St. Pierre, Clerk

HAMPDEN SS.,

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southwick by posting up attested copies of the same three (3) public places in said Town fourteen (14) days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Constable of Southwick, MA

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Kelly Magni

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ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK, SOUTHWICK, MA

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Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

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