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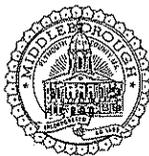
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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
JUNE 24, 2011

Attached please find correspondence from the office of the Town Manager for your review. Thank you.

Charles J. Cristello
Town Manager

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To: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee

From: Charles J Cristello, Town Manager 

Date: June 24, 2011

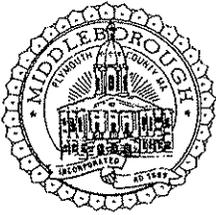
RE: Transfers for the Law Department budget

I am recommending that you transfer \$9,000 from the Reserve Fund and \$5,000 from the Employee Benefits Health Insurance Account #517400 to the Law Department Special Counsel Account # 530400 to pay the following unforeseen expenses:

Kopelman and Paige - unpaid bill for May 2011:	\$1,120.00
Kopelman and Paige - Law Dept. estimate for June 2011:	\$1,000.00
Collins, Loughran & Peloquin - Law Dept. estimate for June 2011:	\$10,000.00
Lampke & Lampke - Law Dept. estimate for balance of FY 2011:	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$14,620.00

According to Town Counsel Daniel Murray there is \$276.01 remaining in the special counsel part of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



Town of Middleborough
Finance Committee
Savings Bank Building
20 Centre Street
Middleborough, Massachusetts 02346-2250

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

3 copies of this completed form should be delivered to the chairperson of the Finance Committee

Date: 6/24/2011 Requestor: Charles J. Cristello Department: Town Manager

Dept. No: 151__ Account Name: Special Counsel_____ Account number: 530400

Amount Requested \$ 9,000 Original Budgeted amount: \$65,277

Amount remaining in ledger total: \$ 276 Amount encumbered to year end: \$ 0

Please provide a detailed description of the unforeseen shortage and the reason for the request. A copy of any outstanding bills drawn against this account and any other substantiating documentation supporting this request should be attached to this form. Use additional sheets if necessary.

See detail in attached memo.

Negative Impact of Non-Funding:

Will not be able to pay existing bills

FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION

Approved ___ Denied ___ Amount: \$ _____ Date: _____

Reason for Denial:

Signature of Finance Committee chairperson: _____

DRAFT

House and Senate Committees on Ways & Means
State House, Boston

Dear Chairman Dempsey, Chairman Brewer, Vice Chairman Kulik, Vice Chairman Baddour,
Representative deMacedo, and Senator Knapik,

The Middleborough Board of Selectmen is pleased to see that health insurance reform is close to becoming a reality. However, we ask that you support the House version of reform, and oppose several sections added by the Senate on the last night of budget debate.

There is strong balance in the House reform proposal. The savings will be directed toward preserving municipal union jobs and essential services, and municipal employee insurance plans will be at least as good or better than state employee health benefits. Municipal unions will continue to enjoy more bargaining power than state unions. There is no rationale to support weakening the reform bill!

Any money that communities save through plan design will be used to preserve services and prevent more layoffs. All of the last-minute Senate provisions would erode the reform bill, and limit local savings.

This is the time to pass a real reform plan to save taxpayers \$100 million in avoided health insurance costs.

Sincerely,

Middleborough Board of Selectmen

c. Senator Murray
Speaker DeLeo
Senator Pacheco
Representative Calter
Representative Straus

Ms. Maureen A. Bryant
President and CEO
Morton Hospital
88 Washington Street
Taunton, MA 02780

Dear Ms. Bryant,

It was a pleasure to meet you last week and to learn about the benefits of the pending acquisition of Morton Hospital by Steward Health Care System. The promise of \$25 million in capital spending in the first year will be a great benefit to Morton and to those communities like Middleborough that rely on Morton for so many health care services.

The Middleborough Board of Selectmen voted at our meeting on Monday June 27, 2011 to support Steward's acquisition of Morton Hospital and to sent a letter stating the Board's position.

We hope to be able to work with you on expanding services to the Middleborough community now that you will have a new infusion of capital..

Sincerely,

Alfred P. Rullo, Jr.
Chairman