

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Video Meeting Conducted on Zoom

1. FinCom Members Present: J. Allam, J. Collamati, K. Grant, K. Keppler, J. Flannery, J. Kuzmeskas

2. FinCom Members Absent: R. Cohen

3. Meeting Commenced: J. Allam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2020 meeting were put on hold until the next Finance Committee meeting

5. **Public Hearing:** DPW Director, Don DiMartino was present to give a brief summary on the FY21 Department Budgets and Enterprise Accounts pertaining to their associated Warrant Articles.

Recommendations were made as follows:

Article 2 – Trash Enterprise: J. Flannery made a motion to recommend \$1,790,395 to be funded from Trash Enterprise Receipts. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 6/0.

Article 3 – Water Enterprise: K. Grant made a motion to recommend \$3,342,574 to be funded from Water Enterprise Receipts. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 4 – Sewer Enterprise: K. Grant made a motion to recommend \$1,496,012 to be funded from Sewer Enterprise Receipts. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Article 5 – Stormwater Enterprise: J. Flannery made a motion to recommend \$753,839 to be funded from Stormwater Receipts. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Department Budget Accounts

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Accounts 422, 423, 424, 426, 439, 490, 491, 294 and 630 with the amounts listed below from the Funding Source of Taxation. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 6/0.

Account 422 – Highway is a combination of accounts 421, 422 and 425 in the amount of \$842,110.00

Account 423 – Snow & Ice in the amount of \$260,000.00

Account 424 – Street Lights in the amount of \$150,000.00

Account 426 – Gas in the amount of \$168,006.00

Account 439 – Landfill in the amount of “Zero Dollars”

Account 490 – General Fund is “Zero Dollars” and Account 400 is now Stormwater Enterprise

Account 491 – Cemetery in the amount of \$9,001.00

Account 294 – Tree Warden in the amount of \$30,200.00

Account 630 – Parks Department in the amount of \$139,650.00

6. Public Hearing: DPW Director, Don DiMartino was present to discuss various Articles from the Town Warrant. Recommendations were made as follows:

Article 9 – Highway Construction: J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 9. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 12 – Amend FY2020 Water Enterprise Budget: K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 12 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 transferred from Salaries to Expenses. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 6/0.

Article 21 – Abandon Construction Easements to Damon & Hixon: K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 21 with “No Cost” to the Town. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 22 – Charles River Grove Bellingham Drainage and Roadway Parcel Acquisition: J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 22 with the purchase of one parcel in the amount of \$17,500.00 from the Funding Source of Free Cash. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 23 – Town Center Intersection Improvement Easements: Article 23 will be postponed until a later meeting date.

Article 24 – Intersection Improvements & Related Work at Route 126 At Route 140: K. Grant made a motion to recommend Article 24 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 from the Funding Source of Borrowing. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Article 25 – Drinking Water Treatment Piloting and Engineering: Mr. DiMartino is waiting on more testing results and will revisit this Article at a future meeting when more data from the test results is available.

Article 26 – Bertine Street Bellingham Retaining Wall and Roadway Easements: K. Grant made a motion to recommend Article 26 with No Funding. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Article 17 – Discontinuance of Lafayette Street (Portion): K. Grant made a motion to recommend Article 17 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 18 – Grant of Easement – Donated Open Space – Exchange: J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 18 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Article 19 – Grant of Easement – Pulaski Sidewalk and Traffic Loop at CVS: J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 19 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

Article 20 – Grant of Easement – Pulaski Sidewalk at Irving Gas Station: J. Collamati made a motion to recommend Article 20 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by J. Flannery. Recommended 6/0.

Article 6 – Conveyances and Easements: K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 6 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 6/0.

Article 7 – Purchase of Surplus Equipment: K. Keppler made a motion to recommend Article 7 with \$1.00 from the Free Cash Funding Source. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 6/0.

Article 8 – Town Property Auction: J. Flannery made a motion to recommend Article 8 with No Cost to the Town. Seconded by J. Kuzmeskas. Recommended 6/0.

7. Ms. MacKinnon was present to let the Committee know that due to the COVID-19 Outbreak, there have been some serious economic impacts on a National level and obviously effecting the community as well. The FY21 Budget was prepared before this outbreak. Ms. MacKinnon told Committee Members that as things move forward, there may have to be some revisions to the FY21 Budget. There have been many discussions with the State, including one with the Department of Revenue that will be taking place this coming Thursday. This is to get a better idea on what will happen to the State Aid Funding that might have an impact on the FY21 Budget going forward. As of this point the Committee has not received any updated revenue projections for FY21 but Ms. MacKinnon does anticipate that she will be presenting that at a future meeting.

8. The BVT FY21 Budget Report was acknowledged by Committee Members

9. New Business, Emails, Correspondence, Bills:

There were no new bills or correspondence to present since the last Finance Committee Meeting that was held on March 9, 2020.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm and will be conducted through a Zoom Video Meeting

A motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm was made by K. Keppler and seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 6/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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