

Finance Committee Meeting
Via Zoom
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
6:00 pm

Present: Jay Riley (JR), David DiTullio (DD), Michelle Vasquez, (MV), Susan Smiley (SS), Dick Trussell (DT), Cheryl Gariepy (CG) Town Finance Director

JR Made a Motion to Call the Meeting to Order at 6:04 pm, SS 2nd, Vote 5 Yes, 0 No

JR Made a Motion to approve 1/12/2021 Minutes, DD 2nd, Vote 5 Yes, 0 No. Minutes for 12/15/20 were not available at time of meeting.

- 1) Department of Public Works Budget Discussion
 - a) Salary increases are contractual
 - b) Overtime was increased due to weather/trees falling and unexpected road closures (bridge issues)
 - c) Vehicle Supplies increased due to age of vehicles. This line item also includes some supplies which may need to be allocated to other budget line items
 - d) Cemetery Temp Wages are used for mowing
 - e) Tree Removal increased to \$20k based on prior year actual expenditures
- 2) Fire Department Budget Discussion – deferred to next meeting
- 3) Police Department Budget Discussion
 - a) Salary increase are contractual. May see a decrease for the Chief of Police salary if a new Chief is hired. No funding for Lieutenant salary due to Sergeants' taking over many tasks.
 - b) Overall 5% cut from operating expenses
 - c) Capital Request - \$51.3k for new cruiser which should last 4-5 years. Current vehicle has over 200k miles.
- 4) New Business
 - a) Dick Trussell, NSRD audit committee
 - i) No increase in feasibility study, no work has been done yet
 - ii) Discussion on change of mascot
 - iii) Expected budget increase of approximately 3%
- 5) Next meeting –
 - a) 2/9/20 to review Fire Department Budget and Recreation Department Budget
 - b) 2/23/20 final budget review

JR made a motion to Adjourn at 8:09 pm – 2nd by SS, Vote 5 Yes, 0 No