

**Minutes
Town Hall Subcommittee
January 20, 2022 – 4:00PM
ZOOM**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chair Evan Kenney

FinComm Member Present: Evan Kenney- Sub Committee Chair, Don Ravenelle – Sub Committee member, Tarae Howell Sub Committee member, Zachery Sletterink Sub Committee member

Town Hall Department Attendees Present: Stephen Maio

- 1) Zachery Sletterink motioned to approve the Town Hall Subcommittee minutes of January 6, 2022 seconded by Tarae Howell and so voted.
- 2) No members of the Public were in attendance.
- 3) Town Hall budgets were reviewed with the following noteworthy comments:
 - I) **Treasurer's Budget:**
 - a) The increase over the 2022 Budget was \$7284 due to contractual and negotiated increases.
 - II) **Fire Alarm:**
 - a. The increase over the 2022 Budget was \$3,185 due to the increase in the number of traffic equipment as well as the increase in the cost of supplies.
 - III) **Emergency Management:**
 - a) The increase over the 2022 was \$13,415 as the number of hours of the EMD have been increased from 18 to 23 hours per week
 - IV) **Inspectional Services**
 - a) The Increase over the 2022 Budget was \$54,749 for contractual and negotiated increases as well as an additional clerical position in the office. It was noted that the department processes over 2500 permits a year and raises over \$700,000 in fees.
 - V) **Recreation Department:**
 - a) The increase over the 2022 Budget Was \$2917 for negotiated and contractual increases. It was noted that the department generates \$400,000 per year in fees.
 - VI) **Veterans Budget:**
 - a) The increase for FY 2023 was 3619 for contractual and negotiated increases. It was noted that the amount expended for Veteran's Benefits has been steadily declining over the last few years. Mr. Howell requested the actual amount expended on Veterans Benefits over the last 5 years or so in order to analyze whether a reduction in this line item was warranted.
 - VII) **Street Lights :** Level funded
 - VIII) **Historical Commission :** Level Funded
 - IX) **Unemployment :** Level funded and a discussion ensued over the State's overpayment of benefits during the pandemic.
 - X) **Reserve Fund:** Level Funded
 - XI) **Professional Medical:** Level Funded

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm with the knowledge that the remaining budgets still need review and will be available to the subcommittee as they are completed.