

Minutes
Finance Committee
April 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Dan Sherman

Present:, Dan Sherman, Jonathan Chines, Dennis Hogan, Joe Bertrand, Peter McManama, , Morgan McCauley, Evan Kenney, Doug Butler, Jim Sullivan, Gerard Leeman, Brian Cusack, Rebecca Gilding, Jan Digiambattista and Joanne Reilly

Not in Attendance: Joe Tringale

Also in Attendance: Town Administrator Stephen P. Maio, Town Accountant Kevin Gill, DPW Director Richard Stinson, Asst. DPW Director Joe Conway, Dan Lieber Chair of Bylaw Review Committee

- 1) Public Participation: None
- 2) Motion to approve minutes of the minutes for the March 28, 2019 (as amended to correct the second on the motion to adjourn from Jonathan Chines to Joanne Reilly meeting by
• Jonathan Chines Seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
- 3) The following FY2020 Budgets were presented:
 - a) #35 - Northeast Vocational School
- 4) The following Articles were presented:
 - Debt Service
 - WMGLD Pilot Payment
 - Downtown Design Improvements
 - Police and Fire Indemnification
 - Payroll Supplement
- 5) The Following Bylaw was presented:
Empty Storefront
- 6) The Finance Committee discussed and voted on all budgets and articles (see attached sheet). No subcommittee reports were presented.
- 7) Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend favorable action on the \$50,000 ceiling on the surplus equipment article seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.

- 8) Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend indefinite postponement on the storefront bylaw seconded by Dennis Hogan with Sherman, Hogan, Bertrand, McManama, Kenney, Cusack, Digiambattista, Leeman and Reilly in favor and Chines, Sullivan, McCauley, Gilding and Butler opposed.
- 9) The Finance Committee discussed a potential proposal to change the Town's Budget process. Peter McManama presented a matrix describing possible changes (including changes to the Town Charter). Motion made by Joe Bertrand seconded by Jim Sullivan to instruct the Chairman to explore the process necessary to ensure that the Finance Committee review and comment on all budgets prior to the Town Council (including the creation of a subcommittee and/or the adoption of amendment(s) to the Town Charter) motion approved unanimously. Also consensus was to start the budget process earlier and in particular hold a Tri-Board Meeting (Finance Committee, Town Council and School Committee) to discuss the overall Revenue and Expense position of the Town.
- 10) Motion to adjourn at 9:40 PM by Jonathan Chines seconded by Gerard Leeman and so voted.

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Article #	FY20 Tax Levy	Free Cash	Water	Sewer	Avail Funds	Borrow	VOTE
29-Apr-19 Capital Outlay	\$ 2,140,048.00	\$ -	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 344,000.00			Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
Debt Service Fund	\$ 4,625,000.00	\$ -					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
Eminent Domain	\$ 1.00	\$ -					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
Trash Collection	\$ 1,996,000.00	\$ -					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
Road Improvements/Repairs	\$ 750,000.00	\$ -					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted with Leeman, Butler and Kenney against
New Sidewalks	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
DPW North Ave Facility Repairs	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 500,000.00		Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Flanders Lane Betterment	\$ 68,000.00						Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
Blatz Field	\$ 200,000.00						Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
WMGLD Pilot					\$ 904,512.00		Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Upgrade Downtown	\$ 390,000.00						Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Feasibility Study DPW Garage	\$ 100,000.00						Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Fire Truck						\$ 700,000.00	Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Police & Fire Indemn. (\$15K each)		\$ 30,000.00					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Payroll Supplement		\$ 300,000.00					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Fire Department Supplement		\$ 170,000.00					Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted
Grafton Street Drainage						\$ 1,350,000.00	Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis and so voted
Broadway Slow Sand Filters Re-Sand			\$125,000.00				Motion to approved as presented by Joe Bertrand seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.
TOTAL	\$ 10,394,049.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 200,500.00	\$ 344,000.00	\$ 904,512.00	\$ 2,550,000.00	

Fiscal Year 2020 Finance Committee Recommendations

1) General Government

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the General Government Budget of \$2,423,672 with \$2,420,672 from Tax Levy and \$3000 from available funds seconded by Dennis Hogan and voted unanimously.

2) Protection of Persons & Property

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the Protection of Persons and Property Budget of \$12,111,297 with \$12,111,297 from Tax levy seconded by Gerard Leeman. Evan Kenney moved to amend the motion by reducing the personal services section of the budget by \$100,000 (effectively eliminating the Deputy Fire Chief Position), amended motion seconded by Doug Butler. Amended motion failed with Hogan, McCauley and Kenney in favor Sherman, Bertrand, McManama, Chines, Sullivan, Gilding, Cusack, Reilly, Butler, Digiambattista against; Leeman abstained.

Main Motion voted unanimously.

3) Human Services

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the Human Services budget of \$853,244 with \$853,244 from Tax levy seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

4) Department of Public Works

Joe Bertrand moved to recommend the Department of Public Works budget in the amount of \$6,858,201 with \$6,787,131 from Tax levy and \$71,070 from available funds seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted with Peter McManama in the negative.

5) Water and Sewer Enterprise

Joe Bertrand moved to recommend the Water and Sewer Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$14,217,415 with \$5,589,995 from Water Receipts and \$8,627,420 from Sewer Receipts seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

6) School Department

Joe Bertrand moved to recommend the School Department budget in the amount of \$42,046,048 with \$41,931,048 from Tax levy and \$155,000 from available funds seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted.

7) Library

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the Library budget of \$1,729,791 with \$1,687,835 from Tax levy and \$41,956 from available funds seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

8) Vocational School

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the Vocational School budget of \$1,441,735 with \$1,441,735 from Tax levy seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

9) Unclassified

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the unclassified budget of \$1,714,091 with \$1,714,091 from Tax levy seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

10) Benefits and Administration

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the Benefits and Administration budget of \$ 17,124,520 with \$17,124,520.00 from Tax levy seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.

11) WMGLD Benefit Expense

Joseph Bertrand moved to recommend the WMGLD Benefit expense transfer of \$2,078,784 with \$2,078,784 from the WMGLD accounts seconded by Dennis Hogan and so voted unanimously.