May 21, 2018 Minutes

Finance Committee Meeting

**Present:** Ira Miller, Anja Bernier, Patricia-Lee Achorn, Gordon Gladstone, Alexander Korin, Edward Phillips, Daniel Lewenberg, Charles Goodman and Arnold Cohen.

**Absent:** William Brack and Hanna Switlekowski

1. **Finance Committee Organization FY19:**
2. **Chair and 2 Vice Chairs, Clerk**

Procedures and scheduling within the Finance Committee were discussed.

* Alexander Korin expressed concerns regarding needing more information from direct sources, the agenda being too full and the overall reasonability of the Finance Committee being overlooked.
* Ira Miller and Patricia-Lee Achorn stated that information has been given, but the amount is dependent on the article.
* Gordon Gladstone and Arnold Cohen expressed that we cannot spend more time than we do because everyone is volunteers and it would take a lot more hours weekly than people can give.
* Charles Goodman stated there use to be a liaison however now the information has been presented before, therefore it no longer needed.
* Some members discussed having the School come more than once due to their budget being so large.
* Anja Bernier stated that it is the School Committee’s job to handle each budget line for the school and therefore only one night is necessary.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to recognize Patricia-Lee Achorn as Chair of the Finance Committee **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 7-0-2. Patricia-Lee Achorn and Alexander Korin abstained.

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to recognize Daniel Lewenberg as one of the Vice Chairs of the Finance Committee **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 7-0-2. Daniel Lewenberg and Alexander Korin abstained.

**MOTION:** by Edward Phillips to recognize Ira Miller as of the Vice Chairs of the Finance Committee **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Ira Miller abstained.

**MOTION:** by Arnold Cohen to recognize Anja Bernier as the Clerk of the Finance Committee **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Anja Bernier abstained.

1. **Priorities Committee (2 plus alternate)**

Charles Goodman and Daniel Lewenberg will be the representatives for the Priorities Committee and Ira Miller will be the alternate.

1. **Capital Outlay (2 plus alternate)**

Gordon Gladstone and Anja Bernier will be the representatives for the Capital Outlay Committee and Edward Phillips will be the alternate.

1. **Liaison Sharon Schools**

William Brack will be the Sharon School’s liaison.

1. **Liaison Library**

Hanna Switlekowski will be the Library liaison.

1. **Planning Board and BOS**

Arnold Cohen will be the Planning Board liaison.

1. **Reserve Fund Transfers**
2. **Snow and Ice**

Eric Hooper, Superintendent of Public Works discussed the reserve fund transfer for the DPW.

* Some major damage costs were due to tree damage from the wind storm.
* The DPW has one top grinder that is usually contracted for one week but they needed for three.
* Maintenance is continuing to be worked on until Memorial Day. Trucks needing repairs still remain from winter.
* Total reserve fund transfer amount is $408,451.24.
* Tub grinder rental is $18,700.
* Overtime costs total $68,453.45
* Additional costs total approximately $55,000 in expenses, some of which is snow and ice overtime.
* FEMA will have reimbursed the DPW by about $50,000. It will get rolled over into next year’s free cash.

The Finance Committee will vote on approval of the Snow and Ice Reserve Fund Transfer at the July 9th, 2018 meeting.

1. **Expected Elections and Registrations**

The added Primary and Special Election costs total $13,000.

**MOTION:** by Alexander Korin to approve the reserve fund transfer of $13,000 for Primary and Special Election costs **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 8-0-1. Edward Phillips abstained.

1. **Liaison Updates:**
2. **Sharon Schools- Bill Brach**

Bill Brach did not attend the meeting.

1. **Documents Distributed Since the Last Meeting**
2. **Snow and Ice Reserve Fund Transfer Request**
3. **4.2 Elections and Registrations anticipated request**
4. **Vote Outstanding Minutes- April 30th and May 7th, 2018**

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller to approve the April 30th, 2018, May 7th, 2018 and the Open Warrant Meeting Minutes **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

1. **Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair in 48 hours**

Krishan Gupta, Finance Director, discussed the third quarter financials.

* The town is not falling behind in terms of revenue.
* In terms of expenditures they are under their goal.
* Significant factors include the School Department due to payroll, DPW Reserve Fund Transfer and Health Insurance costs due to the transfers to the trust fund not yet in place.
* Krishan is in negotiations with Sue Owens regarding payroll scheduling with teachers. The Schools will provide accrued payroll estimates by the end of June.
* There is $386,000 worth of Tax Foreclosures currently.
* State aid is perfectly in line with what has been budgeted.
* As of March 2018, not all Excise taxes have come in yet.

Alexander Korin resigned from the Finance Committee.

1. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** by Edward Phillips to adjourn **SECONDED:** by Anja Bernier **VOTED:** 9-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.