May 20th, 2019

Finance Committee Meeting

**Present:** Patricia-Lee Achorn, Charles Goodman, Hanna Switlekowski, Edward Philips, Ira Miller, Anil Ramoju, Arnold Cohen, Daniel Lewenberg, William Brack, Anja Bernier, Gordon Gladstone and Ann Keitner

# Annual Reorganization - Election of Chair, Vice Chairs and Clerk

**MOTION:** by Ira Miller **SECONDED:** by William Brack to nominate Daniel Lewenberg as Chair of the Finance Committee **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

**MOTION:** by William Brack **SECONDED:** by Gordon Gladstone to nominate Patricia Lee Achorn and Ira Miller as Vice Chairs of the Finance Committee **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

**MOTION:** by Gordon Gladstone **SECONDED:** by William Brack to nominate Anja Bernier as Clerk of the Finance Committee **VOTED:** 11-0-1. Anja Bernier abstained.

# Review of Third Quarter Financials – Krishan Gupta

Krishan Gupta, Finance Director, presented the Third Quarter Financials.

* Total budget for Fiscal 19 is approximately $83 million
* 68% spent by the third quarter by the school department
* 60% of the insurance line has been spent by the school department
* Liability insurance is over by $80,000
* Board of Assessors are at 75% leveled due to a retirement
* IT are at 75% leveled due to the need of replacing a server
* Server cost approximately $8,000- $10,000
* Almost $80 million in revenue as of today
* Deficit of $150,000 due to snow and ice
* Reserve fund transfer totals $200,000

Johnathan Hitter and Jane Crosby, members of the School Committee, discussed the investigation.

* Asking for a reserve fund transfer
* Exact budget and timeline cannot be provided yet
* The attorney and investigator were hired by the Town of Sharon
* Demands were being made by the residents
* Investigation into the circumstances around a teacher at the High School
* The town wanted someone outside of the School Committee to run the investigation
* Interviews will be conducted to see if certain complaints were handled properly and how to rectify any mistakes that were made
* A series of documents have been requested at this time
* The interviews are not traditional, but being done in a trauma format
* There is a criminal investigation of one teacher, internal investigation of one principal, mandatory reporting as well as investigation of twenty-year scope
* Insurance will not cover investigation, can only step in if town gets sued

# Liaison Updates:

## Sharon Schools - Bill Brack

Election for the School Committee will be held on May 21st, 2019.

* 1. **Library – Hanna Switlekowski**

May 21st, 2019 is the vote for the library.

* 1. **Steering Committee- Edward Philips**

May 30th, 2019 is the next meeting being held for the Master Plan.

# Documents Distributed Since the Last Meeting

## Revised Schedule for STM

Fred Turkington listed possible articles that will be added to fall town meeting.

* Article regarding Board of Selectman leasing solar panels
* Article regarding some corrective of the Civil Defense Building
* Article regarding the High School build
* Article regarding the Library, depending on vote at May 21st, 2019 meeting.
  1. **Imagine Sharon Meeting May 30th**
  2. **Updated Community Comparison Report**

# Minutes to be voted: April 1st and Open Warrant Meeting

**MOTION:** by William Brack to approve the April 1st, 2019 minutes **SECONDED:** by Edward Phillips **VOTED:** 10-0-1. Ann Keitner abstained.

**MOTION:** by Daniel Lewenberg to approve the Open Warrant Meeting minutes **SECONDED:** by Ira Miller **VOTED:** 9-0-2. William Brack and Ann Keitner abstained.

# Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair in 48 hours

The Finance Committee would like to find new ways to improve the town respecting differences and policies to affect such positive change.

The Finance Committee would like to improve Open Warrant meeting procedures and layout to provide better information to the town’s citizens.

# Adjournment

**MOTION:** by William Brack **SECONDED:** by Ira Miller to adjourn **VOTED:** 12-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.