

BILLERICA FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 5, 2020

A meeting of the Billerica Finance Committee was held on Thursday March 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 210 in the Town Hall.

Present: David Gagliardi, Chairman, Doug Meagher, Vice Chairman, Mary McBride, Secretary, Donald Damon, Member, Patrick Logue, Member, Rino Moriconi, Member, Douglas Fogerty, Member, Philip Newfell, Member, Anthony Ventresca, Member, John Kleschinsky, 1st Associate, John Mulloy, Member, Town Accountant Paul Watson, Ex-Officio and Joyce MacMillan, Recording Clerk

Excused: Cheri Gargalianos, Member Vacant: 2nd Associate Seat

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman David Gagliardi called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and stated the meeting is being audio recorded by Joyce MacMillan.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

Chairman Gagliardi gave a copy of an email from Town Counsel in regards to the Proposed Budget not being voted on by the Board of Selectmen as of yet. He read "That a formal ratification vote is directory, not mandatory". The Town Manger could still present the proposed budget to the Finance Committee as long as there are no objections from the Selectmen.

PRESENTATION OF FY21 BUDGET:

Presentation by John Curran, Town Manger with Clancy Main, Management Analyst. They gave the committee a handout and a copy of the Proposed Operating Budget FY 2021.

Mr. Curran went through the proposed budget highlights via a detailed PowerPoint presentation.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns; he went around the table to each member. There were some questions regarding water and sewer, some facility questions, shuttle and legacy costs etc. The committee as a whole all agreed they would like to take some time to look over the proposed budget before really getting into more questions and discussions.

REVIEW OF SPRING 2020 FINCOM WARRANT ARTICLES:

The committee received a copy of the draft warrant articles (three of them, not with the real numbers yet) to review and discuss.

Doug Meagher, seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to submit the three (3) Articles listed.

It was voted:

11 – In favor

0 – Opposed

Doug Meagher stated that the word "Building" needed to be added to the Liaison Report section. Dave Gagliardi's report was on the High School Building Committee.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 4, 2020 MINUTES:

Doug Meagher, seconded by Mary McBride made a motion to accept the minutes of February 4, 2020.

It was voted:

8 – In favor
0 – Opposed
3 – Abstained (Fogerty,
Mulloy & Ventresca)

Next FinCom Meeting Tuesday March 10, 2020

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER DISCUSSION FOR CORONAVIRUS MEDICAL & CLEANING SUPPLIES:

John Curran, Town Manger with Clancy Main, Management Analyst

Mr. John Curran, Town Manager explained that they have been pretty tied up dealing with Coronavirus and public safety. As a preemptive, they have purchased extra sanitizer, masks, gloves etc... The EMT's, and other first responders are going through masks and gloves a bit faster these past few weeks and the town provided extra wipes and sanitizer for voting areas. In the coming weeks they would like to stay ahead of this with the needed supplies.

Mr. Curran is asking for \$20,000 to cover the extra expenses for these excess supplies to help stay ahead of this virus, be proactive and be prepared.

Chairman Gagliardi opened the floor to the committee for questions or concerns; he went around the table to each member. There were some questions and discussion.

Doug Meagher, seconded by Tony Ventresca made a motion to approve the fund transfer request of \$20,000 for emergency response resources.

It was voted:

11 – In favor
0 – Opposed

ADJOURNMENT:

Tony Ventresca, seconded by John Molloy made motion to adjourn.

It was voted:

11 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Chairman David Gagliardi adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm.