

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arthur R. Hurley, Chair, Nathan St. Pierre, Vice Chair, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and alternate members Michael Lamoureux and Tom Rambacher.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Larocque, Finance Director and Rose Doughty, Treasurer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 24, 2019; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Nathan St. Pierre. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

2. Consider and act on Town Budgets:

- Deliberate on School Department Budget requests

School Superintendent Dr. Michael Sollitto and Business Manager Robin Kimatian were present to answer questions regarding the School Department budget requests. The revised School Department operating budget request represents an increase of \$1,060,226 over FY 2019, which has been reduced from the original request of a \$1,814,056 over FY 2019. The reduction will include the elimination of four full-time teaching positions.

There was discussion of out of district tuition that the School Department pays for students attending charter schools, CTE programs and special needs programs and its impact on State Aid.

Robin Kimatian noted that health and dental benefit increases were calculated at 9% and 5% respectively but that rates are projections at this point.

The new high school CTE program was discussed. The Superintendent stated that he expects the program to eventually offset out of district tuition costs.

Next year salary and benefit and associated payroll taxes are expected to rise unless enrollment drops. Next year is the last year of the current teacher's contract.

There was discussion of the new State law dictating that 1.5% of the total School operating budget must be slated to building maintenance. This percentage will rise every year. This requirement is covered under the current CIP request.

The CIP requested by the School Department is \$404,000, with \$219,000 being allocated previously to take advantage of State housing aid reimbursement opportunities. \$185,000 in new funding has been requested.

The financial success of the Levy Rink was discussed. Rink director Chris Lacey stated that he is negotiating a contract extension with Nichols College.

- Deliberate on Special Appropriation requests

Arthur Hurley stated that he discussed the appropriation for Wildlife Rehabilitators with the Deputy Animal Control Officer. Mr. Hurley stated that there are people currently being trained in this area to handle wildlife including rabies-carrying animals.

**VOTED** to not fund Wildlife Rehabilitators.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Karen Francisco. The motion carried, four in favor, one opposed. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, Michael Lamoureux and Robert Tetreault. Nathan St. Pierre voted in opposition.

- Deliberate on Department CIP Requests

It was noted that School and Municipal CIP budget will be \$800,000 and Major Capital budget will be \$1.8m for a total CIP budget of \$2.6m.

**VOTED** to recommend a school CIP budget of \$404,000, as requested.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Nathan St. Pierre. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to eliminate two lawn mowers and dump body with sander for Public Works.

Motion by Nathan St. Pierre. Seconded by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to eliminate new dress uniforms from the Police Department.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Karen Francisco. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to recommend \$170,000 for a new dump truck for Public Works.

Motion by Nathan St. Pierre. Seconded by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to recommend \$37,700 for five (5) Information Technology servers.

Motion by Nathan St. Pierre. Seconded by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to recommend the following remaining CIP items for a total of \$191,860.

\$9,000	IT (4) Switches at Annex
\$110,360	Police vehicles (2) at \$55,180 each
\$8,500	Police patrol room copier
\$20,000	Public Works F550 cab and chassis
\$36,000	(2) Public Works dump bodies
\$8,000	Police mobile wireless cellular system

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

**VOTED** to recommend that the Police security camera system for \$37,600 and the communications center upgrade for \$119,622 be deferred to FY 2021.

Motion by Nathan St. Pierre. Seconded by Karen Francisco. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

- Deliberate on Department Operating Budget Requests: No deliberation.

**VOTED** to adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Arthur R. Hurley, Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

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Judy Aubin, Secretary

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Date Approved