

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, March 7, 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

Consider and act on Town Budgets:

1. **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2019 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.

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.

2. Consider and act on Town Budgets:

- Deliberate and act on Department Operating Budget Requests

VOTED to support a budget of \$79,351 for Loans.

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 a General Government Bonds budget of \$172,455.

Motion by Karen Francisco. 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 a budget of \$370,954 for Sewer Bonds.

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.

There was discussion of the reduction of the Sewer Bonds budget versus previous years. Town Treasurer Rose Doughty explained that in the past, the Town paid the Sewer debt and was then

reimbursed by the Sewer Commission. The auditors have indicated that this is not a Town expense therefore it should not be in the budget as an expense.

VOTED to recommend a budget of \$787,102 for Refunding Bonds.

Motion by Robert Tetreault. 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 a \$2,000 budget for Bond Fees.

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 a budget of \$2,470,960 for benefits.

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.

VOTED to support a Burrillville Extended Care budget of \$603,224.

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

VOTED to support a Spring Lake budget of \$230,520.

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.

VOTED to recommend an overall Jesse Smith Library budget of \$975,590.

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.

VOTED to support a Levy Rink budget of \$435,406.

Motion by Robert Tetreault. 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.

3. Other Business:

Nathan St. Pierre requested an explanation of how the Budget Board arrived at the recommendation for the School Department, which was voted on in his absence on February 21. Judy Aubin explained that the recommendation of a \$728,905 (2.2%) increase over FY 2019 was based on estimated increase in State aid, a decline in the tax levy due to the statistical revaluation, and a comparison to the percent increase recommended last year (2.46%).

A draft memo of the operating budget recommendation will be sent to the Board for review before next week's meeting.

VOTED to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

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.

Judy Aubin, Secretary

Date Approved: