

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS: Nathan St. Pierre, Chair, Judy Aubin, Vice Chair, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault, Michael Lamoureux and alternate member Donald Davies.

Other Members Present: Leslie McGovern, Finance Director and Christine Mulligan, Deputy Treasurer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Aubin, Excused.

Budget Board member Judy Aubin was not in attendance making alternate member Donald Davies a voting member.

1. **MINUTES:** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meetings held Wednesday January 18, 2023 and Thursday January 19, 2023 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.
- **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on Wednesday January 18, 2023 and Thursday January 19, 2023; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Karen Francisco. Seconded by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous.

2. Consider and act on Town Budgets

Meet with the Town Clerk and the Finance Department regarding their FY 2024 Budget requests.

- Town Clerk, Vicki Martin
- Finance Department, Leslie McGovern

3. Consider and act on Special Appropriations:

Meet with Sweet Binks Rescue regarding their special appropriation request for the FY2024 budget.

Organization	Amount Requested
Sweet Binks Rescue	\$500.00

4. Consider and act on Town Budgets

Deliberate on Special Appropriation requests

Aging Well/Senior Services

- Motion by Karen Francisco to level fund Aging Well at \$7,000. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Allied Veterans

Chair Nathan St. Pierre recused himself from the vote on the Allied Veterans and the Veterans Service officer as he is a member of Post 88.

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Allied Veterans Council at \$1,500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Veterans Service Officer

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to level fund the Veterans Service Officer as requested at \$1,500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Burrillville Arts Festival

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to table the discussion of the Burrillville Arts Festival until later in the meeting. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association (DPNA)

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to level fund the DPNA at \$1,500 as requested. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Burrillville Economic Development Partnership (f.k.a. Industrial Foundation)

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Burrillville Economic Development Partnership at \$3,000. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the Economic Development Partnership branching out more and doing more projects than mentioned in the past. It does appear that the Town gets its investment back in some way or another.

Glocester Senior Center

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Glocester Senior Center at \$8,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

There was a small discussion regarding the great program being run at the Senior Center. It was also discussed that it will be interesting to see what happens with the Burrillville resident numbers at the Center next year when Burrillville starts its own senior services.

Historical Society

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the Historical Society at \$2,250. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Northern RI Conservation Commission

- Motion by Karen Francisco to level fund the Northern RI Conservation Commission at \$500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Pascoag Library

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Pascoag Library at \$87,000. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the Pascoag Library and there large amount of appropriation every year. The increased request is due to the minimum wage increase, but Board is aware that this is going to be a number that continues to climb in the future. The Board will clarify their concerns in the recommendation letter to the Town Manager.

Samaritans

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Samaritans at \$500. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Sojourner House

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Sojourner House at \$2,000. Seconded by Donald Davies, all in favor.

Sweet Binks Rescue

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund Sweet Binks Rescue at \$500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the Sweet Binks Rescue being the main resource being used by Burrillville residents as well as the Burrillville Animal Control.

Tri-County Community Action Agency

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Tri-County Community Action Agency at \$10,000, seconded by Karen Francisco. Voting in favor of the motion was Karen Francisco, Donald Davies and Robert Tetreault, opposed was Nathan St. Pierre and Michael Lamoureux, vote was three to two – motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding the increase in request being due to the number of families, but it is based off of estimates not real numbers. The Board agrees that it is time for an increase but some feel that \$10,000 might be too much at this time.

Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island at \$0, seconded by Karen Francisco. Voting in favor of the motion was Michael Lamoureux, opposed Nathan St. Pierre, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Donald Davies. Motion failed with a vote of one to four.

There was a discussion that Sweet Binks Rescue is the resource most used by the Town, and they have more opportunity to fundraise with other resources.

- Motion by Donald Davies to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island at \$200, seconded by Karen Francisco. Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Donald Davies, opposed Michael Lamoureux. Motion passes with a vote of four to one.

Burrillville Arts Festival

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Art Festival at \$2,500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Special Appropriations Total Budget

Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the total special appropriations budget at \$127,950. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

5. Other Business:

- Joint meeting Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the police station.
- Screening Subcommittee will meet in February regarding the vacancy for an alternate member on the Budget Board.
- Town Manager will meet with the Budget Board as soon as Departmental meetings are complete.
- School Department meeting will be held at the February 16, 2023 Budget Board meeting.

6. VOTED to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Robert Tetreault Karen Francisco. Seconded by Karen Francisco, the vote was unanimous.

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Date Approved