

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Francisco.

Budget Board member Karen Francisco was not in attendance making alternate member Donald Davies voting members.

1. **MINUTES:** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday February 29, 2024 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday February 29, 2024. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

2. Consider and act on Town Budgets

- Deliberate and act on Special Appropriations

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to deny the request to fund the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council (\$0) due to the lateness of the request and the lack of information provided. **Seconded** by Donald Davies, all in favor.

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding next year's budget season. The request was made that the Budget Board clerk will reach out to them earlier in hopes to receive a timelier request.

- Deliberate and act on Operating Budget requests

### **Elected Officials**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to accept the budget request for elected officials at \$46,355. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Professional Services**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to accept the budget for Professional Services at \$135,520. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Budget Board**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to accept the request of \$10,300 for the Budget Board. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Building Official**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the Building Official budget at \$181,661. **Seconded** by Donald Davies, all in favor.

### **General Services**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to support the Board of Administration request for rent at \$185,000, **seconded** by Donald Davies.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Michael Lamoureux, Robert Tetreault and Donald Davies, opposed was Judy Aubin. The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to support the total budget request for General Services at \$2,031,776, **seconded** by Michael Lamoureux.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Michael Lamoureux, Robert Tetreault and Donald Davies, opposed was Judy Aubin. The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

### **Miscellaneous**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to approve the budget for Miscellaneous at \$16,250. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

### **Buildings – Annex**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to approve the Buildings-Annex budget at \$1000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Contingency**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to approve the Contingency at \$10,000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Police Patrol**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to approve the tuition reimbursement at \$7,500, **seconded** by Donald Davies.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Michael Lamoureux, Robert Tetreault and Donald Davies, opposed was Judy Aubin. The motion passed with a vote of four to one.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to reduce the budget for radios to \$15,000, seconded by Michael Lamoureux.

Judy Aubin withdrew motion for the radios.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to approve the radio request for \$16,000. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Mach Equip line at \$2,000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the total Police Patrol budget at \$2,969,972. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

### **Police Admin**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to table the Police Admin until next week. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

### **Emergency Management (E.M.A.)**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the EMA at \$9,172. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Animal Control**

**Motion** by Donald Davies to reduce the repair vehicle repair line to \$200, **seconded** by Judy Aubin.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, and Donald Davies, opposed was Michael Lamoureux and Robert Tetreault. The motion passed with a vote of three to two.

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the total budget for the Animal Control at \$169,671. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Municipal Court**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the Municipal Court at \$23,664. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

### **Department of Public Works (D.P.W.)**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to reduce the public utilities to \$30,000. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

There was a small discussion that this motion was in hopes that the utilities actuals will run between \$25,000 - \$29,000.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to reduce heating oil from \$38,500 to \$34,000. **Seconded** by Donald Davies, all in favor.

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the repair vehicles line at \$40,000. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the total D.P.W. budget at \$1,788,212. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Transportation**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the transportation budget at \$28,000. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Recreation Center**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to level fund the repair building at \$2,500, seconded by Michael Lamoureux.

Judy Aubin rescinded the motion for the repair building.

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Recreation Center at \$20,540. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Recreation Department**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund ground supplies at \$17,000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the Recreation Department total at \$164,166. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Recreation Programs**

Donald Davies recused himself from voting on the recreation programs as his wife is the Chairman of the Recreation Board, making Anthony Zampello a voting member.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the Recreation Programs at \$26,700. **Seconded** by Anthony Zampello, all in favor.

### **Jesse Smith Memorial Library**

Burrillville resident Linda Rivet commented about the Library budget request.

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to reduce the supplies and ground maintenance to \$500. There was no second, motion failed.

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Library budget at \$968,846 to come from Town funding. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the total library budget for both Jesse Smith Memorial Library and Pascoag Public Library at \$1,055,846. **Seconded** by Donald Davies, all in favor.

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the Jesse Smith Memorial Library total budget at \$1,147,070. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Conservation Commission**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the conservation commission at \$12,250. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

### **General Government Bonds**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the general government bonds at \$151,064. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **School Bonds**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund the School Bonds at \$634,250. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

### **Sewer Bonds**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the Sewer Bonds at \$365,910. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Refunding Bonds**

**Motion** by Judy Aubin to fund the refunding bonds at \$635,796. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

### **Bond Fees/Costs**

**Motion** by Robert Tetreault to fund the Bond fees/costs at \$1,100. **Seconded** by Donald Davies, all in favor.

### **Loans**

**Motion** by Michael Lamoureux to fund loans at \$260,024. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

- Deliberate on School Department Budget Requests

3. Other Business: None

4. Adjournment

- **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, the vote was unanimous.

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Karen Francisco, Secretary

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Date Approved