

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main Street, Harrisville, RI.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Larocque, Finance Director, and Rose Doughty, Treasurer.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 23, 2020; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Tom Rambacher. The vote was unanimous.

2. Consider and act on Town Budgets:

Deliberate on Department CIP requests

There was a discussion that based on the Managers presentation at the Town Council meeting there would be an increase of 2% to the CIP budget giving an estimated CIP total budget of \$2,628,911.

There was discussion regarding the Jesse Smith Library CIP budget request of \$55,400 for new carpeting in the Library being received thru grant money.

- **Motion** by Judy Aubin \$0 for the \$55,400 request for new carpeting because of the indication of the receiving of grant money. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher.
- **Motion to amend** by Judy Aubin to support the \$55,400 request by Jesse Smith Memorial Library thru grant money. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher to support the \$55,400 request thru grant money for the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault. All in favor, the motion passes.

Motion by Judy Aubin to use the Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library unrestricted funds for their request of \$5,200 for wall repair. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

There was a discussion regarding the CIP request for the \$20,000 audio/visual improvement.

- **Motion** by Karen Francisco for \$10,000 to be funded by the CIP and the other \$10,000 to be funded by the Library's unrestricted funds. **Seconded** by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Police CIP requests:

- **Motion** made by Tom Rambacher to support the Police request of \$5,191 for new bullet proof vests. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** made by Tom Rambacher to support the Police request of \$12,344 for three new portable radios. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** made by Robert Tetreault to approve the police request for \$95,512 for the two new Dodge Durango police vehicles. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

It was recommended by Nathan St. Pierre to discuss the School Department CIP at the next meeting, scheduled for February 7, 2020.

DPW CIP Requests:

- **Motion** was made by Judy Aubin to move the used scissor lift to FY2022. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault.

Discussion was made regarding the way the motion was phrased, does it preapprove it for FY2022. Budget Board all in agreement.

- **Motion** by Judy Aubin to withdraw her motion regarding the scissor lift and was **seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher for \$0 for the scissor lift. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Karen Francisco to fund the request for new F-350 pickup with plow for \$56,000. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher for new truck lift system for \$20,000. No Second. Motion failed.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher for used mobile truck lift system for \$20,000. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- **Motion** by Tom Rambacher for total equipment CIP approval of \$76,000. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

There was discussion regarding the Police CIP budget request for the command system for \$342,685. Budget Board has requested some clarification regarding anticipated grant money or equipment options for the command system. Will discuss again at next meeting.

Deliberate on Special Appropriation requests

MOTION to fund zero for the Industrial Foundation. Motion by Judy Aubin. Seconded by Karen Francisco. None in favor, motion fails.

There was discussion about level funding the Industrial Foundation at \$4,000 to continue support. None in favor.

VOTED to fund the Industrial Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.

Motion made by Judy Aubin. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, in favor of the \$2,000 was Robert Tetreault, Judy Aubin and Karen Francisco. Opposed were Nathan St. Pierre and Tom Rambacher. Motion passed.

Voted to approve \$1,200 for the Allied Veterans Council.

Nathan St. Pierre recused himself from the vote.

Motion by Tom Rambacher. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux.

Motion made by Tom Rambacher to increase the stipend to \$2,000 for the Veterans Service Manager. Seconded by Karen Francisco.

There was a discussion by Michael Lamoureux and Judy Aubin if they wanted more they would have asked for more.

Voted in favor of the \$2,000 was Tom Rambacher and Karen Francisco. Opposed was Judy Aubin, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux. Motion failed.

Voted to approve the \$1,500 Stipend for the Veterans Service Manager.

Motion made by Robert Tetreault to approve the \$1,500 stipend for the Veterans Service Manager. **Seconded** by Michael Lamoureux, the vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux.

VOTED to approve \$3,000 for the Burrillville Arts Festival.

Motion made by Robert Tetreault. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin, the vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

VOTED to recommend \$2,000 for the Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association.

Motion made by Tom Rambacher. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault, the vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

VOTED to fund the Gloucester Senior Center at \$8,000.

Motion made by Tom Rambacher. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, the vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

VOTED to recommend \$2,000 for the Burrillville Historical Society.

Motion made by Judy Aubin. **Seconded** by Robert Tetreault.

There was a discussion regarding the request of \$2,500 for a parking lot that was requested last fiscal year, and is being requested again.

Voting in favor of the \$2,000 was Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin and Robert Tetreault. Opposed were Karen Francisco and Tom Rambacher. Motion passed.

VOTED to recommend level funding of \$500 for the Northern Rhode Island Conservation District.

Motioned by Judy Aubin. **Seconded** by Karen Francisco, the vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

Pascoag Library discussion tabled until next meeting on February 7, 2020.

VOTED to level fund the Samaritans at \$500.

Motion by Robert Tetreault, **seconded** by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

VOTED to approve Senior Services aka Aging Well at \$8,000.

Motion made by Judy Aubin and **seconded** by Karen Francisco.

Discussion was made about state funding going down and the benefits associated with the Senior Services are a great asset to the Town.

Voted in favor of the \$8,000 was Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin and Karen Francisco, opposed were Robert Tetreault and Tom Rambacher. Motion passed.

VOTED to fund Sojourner House in the amount of \$1,500.

Motion made by Judy Aubin and **seconded** by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

VOTED to level fund Tri-County in the amount of \$7,500.

Motion made by Tom Rambacher, **seconded** by Robert Tetreault. The vote was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Tom Rambacher, Karen Francisco, and Robert Tetreault.

3. Other Business

Next meeting on February 7, 2020 the Budget Board will finish up the CIP requests and Pascoag Library.

4. VOTED to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

Motion by Tom Rambacher. **Seconded** by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous.

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Minutes Approved Date:_____