

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders 20-46 and 20-93. All members of the Budget Board participated both in person and via zoom. Members of the public were invited to listen and/or participate in the meeting, as required, by the means listed on the posted agenda.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **MINUTES:** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meetings held Wednesday January 19, 2022 and Thursday January 20, 2022 and the question of dispensing with the reading of said minutes; be now taken up.
- **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday January 19, 2022; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Karen Francisco. Seconded by Tom Rambacher. The vote was unanimous.

- **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday January 20, 2022; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Karen Francisco. Seconded by Tom Rambacher. The vote was unanimous.

1. Consider and act on Town Budgets

Deliberate on Special Appropriation requests

Aging Well/Senior Services

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to level fund Aging Well at \$7,000. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, 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, making Michael Lamoureux a voting member.

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to level fund the Allied Veterans at \$1,200. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Veterans Service Officer

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to level fund the Veterans Service Officer at \$1,500. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council

There was no request made in several years, so the Board would like them removed from the special appropriations list.

Burrillville Arts Festival

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the Art Festival at \$2,000. There was no second, motion failed.

There was a discussion regarding Art Festival being run as a new entity. Burrillville Arts Festival has dissolved and is now being run as the Burrillville Festival with new owners.

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to table the vote until more information is received by the new organizers of the Arts Festival regarding their plans and budget going forward. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association (DPNA)

- Motion by Karen Francisco to level fund the DPNA at \$1,500. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Glocester Senior Center

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

There was a small discussion that the increase in the request made by the Glocester Senior Center was due to the recent inflation of goods.

Historical Society

- Motion by Judy Aubin to the Historical Society at \$2,600 based on the operating budget submitted. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

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

- Motion by Judy Aubin to approve level funding for the Burrillville Economic Development Partnership at \$1,000. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Northern RI Conservation Commission

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the Northern RI Conservation Commission at \$500. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Pascoag Library

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to table this vote until information can be provided on the new line item “accounting services”. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Samaritans

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the Samaritans at \$500. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Sojourner House

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to level fund the Sojourner House at \$1,500. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators at \$250. There was no second, motion failed.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators at \$150, seconded by Judy Aubin. Voting in favor of the motion was Judy Aubin and Robert Tetreault, opposed was Nathan St. Pierre, Karen Francisco and Tom Rambacher, vote was three to two – motion failed.
- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators at \$200. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Sweet Binks Rescue

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund Sweet Binks Rescue at \$500. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Tri Town Community Action Agency

- Motion to level fund Tri Town Community Action Agency at \$7,500, seconded by Judy Aubin. Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco and Tom Rambacher, opposed was Robert Tetreault, motion passed.

Deliberate on Department CIP Requests

Jesse Smith Memorial Library

- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the sewer pump alarm at \$4,750, seconded by Robert Tetreault.

There was a discussion regarding CIP regulations that requests for CIP need to be \$5,000 or more in cost to be considered a CIP item.

- Tom Rambacher rescinds his motion.
- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the sewer pump alarm at the Jesse Smith Memorial Library to be funded at \$5,000. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- Motion by Karen Francisco to replace the HVAC system at the Jesse Smith Memorial Library to come from other funding. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- Motion by Judy Aubin to replace the staff copier for \$6,730 through the libraries undesignated funds. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- Motion by Karen Francisco to replace the carpet in the Children's Department at \$19,305 to come from other funding. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Animal Control

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund a vehicle for the Animal Control at \$51,000. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Major Capital – DPW

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the neighborhood projects at \$40,000. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the roadway paving and infrastructure at \$100,000. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the tree trimming program at \$80,000. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- Motion by Tom Rambacher to fund the total maintenance for the DPW at \$220,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the total engineering projects at \$221,000. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the building repairs at Spring Lake Beach at \$100,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve \$17,000 for recycle carts and overflow bags. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve \$7,000 for electric charging station software. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve \$12,000 for a new landscape trailer. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve \$36,000 for the total DPW equipment budget. Seconded by Tom Rambacher, all in favor.

Police

The Colonel has invited members of the Budget Board to join their meeting in December when they discuss the vehicles that need to be replaced and other items to go on their CIP budget requests.

2. Other Business:

- Joint meeting Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the police station, zoom attendance is encouraged but will be left up to the individual members how they wish to attend.
- More CIP, Special Appropriations and Operating Budgets to be discussed at the meeting next week.
- CIP Memo is to be completed by the end of February.

3. VOTED to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

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

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Date Approved