

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, January 25, 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: Christine Mulligan, Deputy Treasurer.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. **MINUTES:** That the question of accepting the minutes of the regular meetings held Wednesday January 17, 2024 and Thursday January 18, 2024 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 17, 2024 and Thursday January 18, 2024; and dispense with the reading of said minutes.

Motion by Karen Francisco. Seconded by Judy Aubin. The vote was unanimous.

2. Consider Departmental Town Budget requests:

Meet with the Personnel Board and the Finance Department regarding their FY 2025 Budget requests.

- Personnel Board, Robert Tetreault
 - Finance Department, Christine Mulligan and Melissa Dupont
3. Consider and act on Town Budgets
 - Deliberate and act on Special Appropriation requests

Aging Well/Senior Services

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the budget request for Aging Well at \$7,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Allied Veterans Council

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 Donald Davies a voting member.

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to table the request by the Allied Veterans Council until more information is available regarding their finances. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Veterans Service Officer

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to support the request for the Veterans Service Officer at \$1,500. Seconded by Donald Davies, all in favor.

Burrillville Harvest Festival

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the Harvest Festival for 3,000, seconded by Michael Lamoureux.

There was a discussion regarding the Harvest Festival's request for \$4,000 when the predicted short fall was only \$3,000.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Judy Aubin, Michael Lamoureux and Robert Tetreault. Opposed was Karen Francisco, motion passed with a vote of four to one.

Downtown Pascoag Neighborhood Association (DPNA)

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to support the budget request made by the DPNA at \$2,500, seconded by Robert Tetreault.

Michael Lamoureux stated that his motion was based on the budget that was submitted to them.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux. Opposed was Judy Aubin and Karen Francisco, motion passed with a vote of three to two.

Glocester Senior Center

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

Historical Society

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the Historical Society at \$2,000. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Meals on Wheels

- Motion by Karen Francisco to support the Meals on Wheels request for \$1,000. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Northern RI Conservation Commission

- Motion by Judy to support the Northern RI Conservation Commission request for \$500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Pascoag Library

- Motion by Karen Francisco to table the discussion regarding the Pascoag Library until further information is received. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Samaritans

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

Sojourner House

- Motion by Robert Karen Francisco to fund the Sojourner House at \$2,500. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Sweet Binks Rescue

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve Sweet Binks Rescue at \$750. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Tri-County Community Action Agency

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the Tri-County Community Action Agency at \$15,000. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux all in favor.

Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the Wildlife Rehabilitators of Rhode Island at \$200. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

4. Compose Budget Board communication for the Town Manager and the Board of Administration.

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding the communication to be provided to the Town Manager and The Board of Administration before their meeting with the Budget Board. Board members will compose questions over the next week. Memo to be finalized at next meeting.

5. Other Business:

- Joint meeting Tuesday January 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the police station. Nathan St. Pierre is unable to attend this meeting, Judy Aubin will be in attendance.

6. VOTED to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

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

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Date Approved