

Minutes of the Burrillville Budget board held Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.

This meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order 21-21, "one hundred and twenty-fourth supplemental emergency declaration extension of executive orders 20-44, 20-46, 20-62 and 21-02". All members of the Budget Board participated 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, and alternate member Michael Lamoureux (voting member).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Rambacher, excused

Other Members Present: Leslie McGovern, Finance Director, Rose Doughty, Treasurer, Meghan Cyr, Executive Assistant to the Treasurer and Christine Mulligan, Deputy Treasurer.

1. **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 4, 2021; 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

- Deliberate and act on Department Operating Budget Requests

Special Appropriations

There was a discussion regarding a request received by Blackstone Valley for \$2,500. The last time they submitted a request was 2007 and were approved for \$1,000. When submissions were requested to be provided by the organizations they were given a deadline of December 31, 2020, however the Blackstone Valley Tourism was not sent this information.

- Motion by Judy Aubin to recommend this not be funded in the FY22 budget, but would like the Blackstone Valley to resubmit request for the FY23 budget. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Department of Public Works

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the Department head at \$97,270. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the seasonal winter drivers at \$16,500, seconded by Robert Tetreault.

There was discussion about keeping the approved amount this high or bringing it closer to the actual year totals. It was decided that it was too unpredictable to cut close on the budget.

Voting in favor of the motion was Nathan St. Pierre Karen Francisco, Robert Tetreault and Michael Lamoureux, opposed was Judy Aubin. The motion passes with a vote of 4-1.

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund \$500 for the radio line item for the public works. There was no second for the motion therefore motion failed.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the radio line at \$750. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

There was a discussion of this being half of the requested amount and should be appropriate when reviewing this line item historically.

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the seasonal help at \$43,000. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.
- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the total Public Works budget at \$1,731,175. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Transportation

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the \$28,000 for the transportation budget as requested. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

Recreation Department

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the Department head at \$2,730. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.
- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the supply/office line at \$2,000, there was no second, motion failed.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to recommend \$1,500 for the supply/office line. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the total recreation department budget at \$108,226. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Recreation Center

- Motion by Judy Aubin to the total Recreation Center budget at \$5,500. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Recreation Programs

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the recreation programs at \$19,900. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund the non-print material at \$2,500, seconded by Robert Tetreault. Voting in favor of the motion was Judy Aubin, Karen Francisco and Michael Lamoureux, opposed was Nathan St. Pierre and Robert Tetreault. Motion passes with a vote of 3-2.
- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the total budget for Jesse Smith Library at \$955,502. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Conservation Commission

Michael Lamoureux recused himself from this vote as he is a member of the Conservation Commission.

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the Conservation Commission at \$11,750. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Bonds

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the general government bonds at \$164,412. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

School Bonds

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the school bonds at \$64,320. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Sewer Bonds

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the sewer bonds at \$370,749. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Refunding Bonds

- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the refunding bonds at \$726,868. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Bond Fee Costs

- Motion by Karen Francisco to fund the bond fee cost at \$2,000. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Loans

- Motion by Judy Aubin to fund loans at \$129,764. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

Burrillville Extended Care – B.E.C.

- Motion by Judy Aubin to recommend \$518,211 for B.E.C. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.

Levy Rink

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to approve the Levy Rink operating budget at \$449,283. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.
- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund \$15,000 for the Levy Rink CIP to be funded from their own funds. Seconded by Robert Tetreault, all in favor.
- Motion by Michael Lamoureux to fund the total Levy Rink budget at \$464,283. Seconded by Judy Aubin, all in favor.

Spring Lake

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the spring lake expenses at \$178,422. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.

- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the spring lake concessions at \$97,156. Seconded by Karen Francisco, all in favor.
- Motion by Robert Tetreault to fund the total Spring Lake budget at \$275,578. Seconded by Michael Lamoureux, all in favor.

- Deliberate on School Department Budget requests – No deliberation

3. Other Business

- Next week we can finish the operating budget, school budget and the Town Managers memo.

4. VOTED to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

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

Karen Francisco, Secretary

Date Approved