

Charlemont Town Hall

AMENDED MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee and SelectBoard

April 12, 2019

Present: Amy Wales, Rich Filoramo, Toby Gould, Lynn Hathaway, Ron Smith, Marguerite Willis, and Sarah Reynolds.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 a.m. by Rich Filoramo.
2. The minutes of the February 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The minutes of the March 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. The members considered the following Reserve Fund Transfers:
 - a. Unemployment Account is in deficit by \$1,304.46. Motion made and seconded to transfer in amount from Reserve Fund. Motion approved.
 - b. Medicare and Social Security accounts need to be increased by \$10,051.48 because of the detail work on Route 2. For next year, Amy Wales suggested that the hourly rate needs to be raised from \$50/hour to \$65/hour. There was a question as to the current balance in the Outside Special Detail Account. Lynn will check with the Accountant (new) for the balance, and she will also email Justin to provide Special Revenue and Agency Account Reports. A motion was made and seconded to cover the additional costs of Medicare and Social Security for the detail work employees, from the Reserve Fund. Motion passed.
5. Warrant Articles (proposed) review (from a list handout):
 - a. A "Rooms Tax" Article was presented and reviewed, proposing a tax rate of 6% on lodgings. A motion was made and seconded to recommend the Article.
 - b. The DOT will need to take land next to two bridges that will be redone. Money will be needed to cover fees, but this item is to be continued.
 - c. Highway Infrastructure is proposed to be increased to \$40,000 for dirt road paving, etc.
 - d. Need an article for bridge repairs.
 - e. The Capital Planning Committee had proposed \$50,000 to purchase a replacement vehicle for CAR 1 used by the Town Fire Chief, who also is the Fire Chief for the Town of Rowe. But our Chief has only a one year contract with Rowe, and Rowe has up to this point agreed to cover half of the vehicle cost for only one year. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to delay the vehicle purchase for one year. The motion passed.
 - f. An article is proposed for a 10 year contract with the Springfield MRF.
 - g. The Cemetery Committee has an article for \$500.
6. Bill Harker appeared representing the Park and Recreation Committee. He felt more money is needed for repairing and mowing the areas. Toby Gould moved to increase the Maintenance Line item by \$400, and the Mowing Line item by \$300. The motion was seconded, and passed.
7. Fire/Police Salaries: Fire Department wants \$4,000 more, Police \$9,000 more. Marguerite Willis proposed that the Salary Line for the EMT Department be increased by \$5,500.
8. Broadband: the project may need a short-term loan to cover costs before the State pays us. It was agreed to increase Line #104 by \$2,500 to take care of any interest.
9. School Superintendent Michael Buoniconti appeared to discuss the school budgets. He said there are 29 students from Heath attending Hawlemont: 21 students K-6 at a cost of \$11,000/student, and 8 pre-schoolers, for a total amount of \$250,000 brought in from Heath. Mr. Buoniconti recommended that a member of the School Board meet with us once or twice a year to discuss matters.

10. Rescue Truck: a motion was made and seconded to recommend the Rescue Truck for Debt Exclusion. The motion passed.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2019, at 7:30 a.m.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith

Documents reviewed:

FY 2020 Budget Worksheet – 7th Draft

List of Known Warrant Articles as of 4/10/2019

Room Tax Article Draft

List of Recommendations from Capital Planning Committee

This document is a draft until approved by the Finance Committee.