

**Finance Committee Minutes 2/2/23****2023 MAR 15 PM 1:19**

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Sammarco, Mark Johnson, Kevin Clancy, Joe Marino, Christopher Sottile, Krystale Bithoney.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff and Anticipated Speakers Present: Brian Noble (Town Administrator); Julie Herbert (Town Accountant/Finance Director); Chief Richard Ball (Plainville FD); Christine Higgins (Executive Director – Plainville Council on Aging)

Meeting called to order at 6:45pm.

- **Discussion of agenda item 2.1 (Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting) began at 6:46pm.**

Motion to approve minutes for 1/26/23 made by Mr. Sammarco, seconded by Mr. Sottile, approved unanimously.

- **Discussion of the agenda item 3.2 (Council on Aging Budget) began at 6:47pm.**
 - Mrs. Higgins presented her budget request to the Committee. Mrs. Higgins noted several problems relating to security at the Plainville Senior Center.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 6:50pm and pertained to staffing in the optimal budget, the formula grant, paying for the COA bus, security costs, services provided to the homeless, GATRA overtime, utility cost, facilities, and building maintenance.
 - Public comment began at 7:17pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive and Mr. Shepardson of Branch Avenue.
- **Discussion on agenda item 3.1 (Fire/EMS Budget) began at 7:20pm.**
 - Chief Ball presented his budget to the Committee.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 7:28pm and pertained to the increase in payroll under the CBA, overtime vs. FTE tradeoffs, training hours, and collection of ambulance bills.
 - Public comment began at 7:46pm and featured comment from Ms. Mich of Legion Drive.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.5 (Veterans Services Budget) began at 8:08pm.**
 - Mr. Noble detailed the budget request.
 - No questions were asked by the Committee or the public.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.4 (Finance and Accounting Budget) began at 8:10pm.**
 - Ms. Herbert presented her budget request to the Committee.
 - Questions from the Committee began at 8:13pm and pertained to the accountant contract, additional staffing needs, the potential benefits of increasing staff, and debt service.
 - Public comment began at 8:20pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Marino and seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:21pm passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 2/9/23 @6:30pm