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Finance Committee Minutes 4/20/23

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

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff and Anticipated Speakers Present: Brian Noble (Town Administrator).

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

- **Discussion of agenda item 2.1 (Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting) began at 6:33pm.**

Motion to approve minutes for 4/13/23 made by Mr. Sottile, seconded by Mr. Sammarco, approved unanimously.

- **Discussion of agenda item 3.1 (Review FY24 Operating Budget and Vote Preliminary Approval) began at 6:33pm.**
 - Mr. Johnson ran through the FY24 operating budget request.
 - Mr. Noble explained in detail the State Aid portion of revenue and new revenue from buildings coming online.
 - Mr. Marino, Mr. Sottile, and Mr. Sammarco asked several questions related to revenues.
 - The Committee began a lengthy discussion of North TV.
 - At 7:27pm Mr. Sammarco motioned to recommend the \$25,000 for North TV paywall funding. Approved 5-0 with 2 abstentions (Mr. Clancy and Mr. Rabinovitz).
 - At 7:28pm Mr. Clancy motioned to recommend the North TV funding be decided as a capital article, Mr. Sottile seconded the motion. Carried 4-3 (Mr. Sammarco, Mr. Marino, and Ms. Bithoney voted against).
 - At 7:33pm Mr. Johnson made a motion to reconsider that the North TV funding be decided as a capital article, Mr. Rabinovitz seconded the motion. Carried 6-0 (Mr. Clancy abstained).
 - At 7:39pm Mr. Sammarco made an identical motion as Mr. Clancy's original motion, which failed to obtain a majority vote.
 - At 7:41pm, Mr. Sammarco motioned to recommend that the North TV funding be decided at Town Meeting as part of the operating budget, Mr. Marino seconded the motion. Carried 5-1-1.
 - Public comment continued throughout the meeting and featured comment from Mr. Hamilton of Appletree Ln., and Ms. Minch of Legion Drive.
- **Discussion of agenda item 3.2 (Review FY24 Capital Budget and Vote Preliminary Approval) began at 7:49pm.**
 - Questions from the Committee pertained to specific capital budget items (the pickup truck for the schools, road maintenance), ARPA funding for capital items, as well as the general capital plan of the Town.

- Public comment began at 7:54pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive.
- **Discussion on agenda item 3.3 (Review other Town Meeting Articles) began at 7:55pm.**
 - Members of the Committee expressed interest in moving the poll pads from capital budget into operating budget.
- **At 7:56pm, the Committee began to vote preliminary approval of the operating budget and capital budget.**
 - At 7:57pm Mr. Marino motioned to preliminarily approve the FY2024 budget, Mr. Sottile seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - At 7:58pm Mr. Marino motioned to preliminarily approve the FY2024 capital budget (i.e., the approval of free cash apportionment), Mr. Rabinovitz seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Sottile and seconded by Ms. Bitthoney at 7:59pm passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: 4/27/23 @6:30pm