

Finance Committee Minutes 6/29/23

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

Committee Members Absent: Kevin Clancy.

Staff and Anticipated Speakers Present: Brian Noble (Town Administrator); Julie Herbert (Finance Director/Town Accountant).

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

- **Discussion of agenda item 2.1 (Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting) began at 6:30pm.**

Motion to approve minutes for 4/27/23, 5/8/23, and 5/18/23 made by Mr. Sammarco, seconded by Ms. Bithoney, approved unanimously.

- **Discussion of agenda item 3.1 (End of Year Transfers) began at 6:32pm.**
 - The Town Accountant detailed the transfer requests to the Committee, which included the hiring of additional staff during FY23, improvements to the Plainville Pool, school salaries and expenses, as well as the purchase of new equipment in the FD, and other items. It was also explained that the expenses/transfers are covered by decreased health insurance costs.
 - Questions/comments from the Committee began at 6:36pm and featured comment from Mr. Marino, who praised the Town Administrator and the Town Accountant for the cost savings found in the health insurance scheme of the Town. Mr. Sottile asked for specifics about the Fire Prevention Vehicle, which Mr. Noble provided (an explanation of the financial situation of the Fire Prevention Fund). Mr. Noble also detailed the Facilities Department line item after being asked by Mr. Sottile. Mr. Noble also went into detail on the transfer to the School department. Mr. Noble detailed that the bulk of the technology transfer consists of the purchase of the Microsoft license.
 - Public comment began at 6:52pm and featured comment from Ms. Minch of Legion Drive.

Mr. Sammarco made a motion at 6:56pm to approve the Interdepartmental Transfers – June 2023 as presented to the Committee. Mr. Sottile seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

- **Discussion of agenda items 3.2 (Review of Town Meeting and Opportunities for Improvement) began at 6:57pm.**
 - Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Committee members for comment.
 - The Committee reviewed the entirety of Mr. Rabinovitz's emails to members after Town Meeting – his "post mortem."
 - Mr. Sammarco suggested that the Committee create a more significant letter to present to the Town at Town Meeting. Committee members suggested their support moving forward for this effort.

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