

Town of Blandford Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019

Open Session: 7:00pm

Present: **JLombardo**, chair, **JBull** and **AQuinn**, members, **JGarcia**, Town Administrator, **DGates**, Conservation Commission, Chair, **DIllicky**, Police Chief, **JMartin**, Recreation Committee, Chair **CLetendre**, former RC Chair, **J Grybosh**, Highway Dept Admin

1. Department Head Meetings – the following were scheduled to meet:

- **Conservation Commission Budget** – Dick Gates discussed the new roll of the CC in the town's development of solar power, other new projects and the dept.'s increased responsibility in reporting to the state. These additional tasks and projects will affect the CC's FY2020 budget. Dick Gates is going to resubmit the department's budget request in light of his new understanding of what needs to be done.
- **Police Department Budget** – Police Chief, Dan Illicky, presented budget needs as they relate to the sharing of services with the Town of Chester. Primarily discussed was the need for a new town police cruiser, and how that could be accomplished.
- **Recreation Committee Budget** – the reconfiguration of the Rec Committee members, the prior main projects of the Rec Committee, i.e. the Blandford Bugle, Halloween party, Labor Day picnic, etc. there will be major increase in the RC budget. Cara Letendre and Joann Martin discussed with FC committee members level funding for FY2020.
- **Treasurer and Tax Collector Budget** – will be rescheduled to another night. Janet Lombardo reiterated that there are a lot of accounts that are in the Treasurer/Tax Collector budget when asked by Highway Secretary, Joanne Grybosh asked about the budget lines the Treasurer/Tax Collector is responsible for

General Discussion – Josh Garcia provided some background information to the Finance Committee about the question concerning the TT budget and the other challenges facing the town in its moving forward with its development of the FY2020 budget and this fiscal year's Annual Town Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned