

Town of Blandford
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2019

Open Session: 7:00pm

Present: **JLombardo**, chair, **JBull** and **AQuinn**, members, **JGarcia**, Town Administrator, **SHunter**, Treasurer & Tax Collector, **RBernard**, Planning, **APoteat** Plumbing

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

- **Treasurer & Tax Collector** – Sarah Hunter Requested increase in treasurer’s salary of \$1.50/hr. Also requested an additional 2 clerks be included in the FY20 budget at \$15/hr to start building and staffing the department to create cross training and sustain staffing during shortage or sick/vacation time. Sarah provided 2 budget proposal requests based on a 3year timeline and 5 year timeline. The 3 year timeline will save the town \$76,000 but will require a larger professional services budget over the next 3 years than under the 5 year timeline.
- **Tree Warden & Historical Commission** – will be rescheduled to another night.

2. Other Business

- **Planning-** Rick Bernard requested an increase to \$10,000 for FY20 budget due to additional legal issues that he is anticipating as well as looking at solar parks coming into the town.
- **Plumbing-** Aaron Poteat requested an Ipad to complete plumbing inspections for the town. The ipad will be used for pulling and reviewing permits related to plumbing inspections.

General Discussion – No General Discussion at this meeting.

Tabled:

- Review and approval of minutes from February 4th, 11th, & 25th until next meeting on March 11, 2019.
- Hearing to review budget with Water Department
- Discussion of expectations and timeline for budget setting.

Meeting Adjourned