

Town of Blandford
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes

~~February 12th, 2020~~ (JG) *March 11, 2020*

Open Session: 6:30pm

Present: **Jlombardo**, Chair, **JBull (JB)**, member, **Cathy Smelcer**, member, **JGarcia (JG)**, Town Administrator, **Doris Jemiolo & Mary Kronholm**, Town Clerks Office, **Rene Senecal**, Highway Department, & **Steve Jemiolo** Assessors.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- None noted

2. OLD BUSINESS

- **Highway Department-** Revisited budget with Rene Senecal and was able to reduce FY21 budet request for tree canopy down to \$6,000 from 18,000 previously requested, and reduced Fuel Oil/Winter down to \$4,200 from \$17,000. There was a requested increase in Vehicle fuel from \$10,000 to \$18,000 to offset some of the other decreases.
- **Assessors-** Revisited budget with Steve Jemilo and he was okay with the finance committees recommended expense line item cut to \$2,000 from \$4,000. He is still requesting the \$1,000 for clerk salary and an additional \$7,000 in salaries for an extra day for the assessors.
- **Town Clerk-** Revisted budget with Doris & Mary and discussed reduction in FY21 election costs due to there not being a need for a special town election. They recommended reducing that line item by \$2,000 as that was the estimated expense for the special town election.

General Discussion – Finance reviewed the updated All Department expense report. Everything looks to be in line with where the spending should be at this point in the year. Any accounts underspent were flagged for review to see if next years budget can be adjusted. Free cash was reviewed and a detailed list will be put together to add to the warrant for the annual town meeting. Our overall new budget target is \$3,929,800. JG discussed with finance that we should still try to budget the same amount as FY20 and then put the remaining amount in stabilization. This is a great plan and finance will take that into consideration when making their recommendations for FY21 budget.

Motion:

1. To accept the minutes from the February 12th, 2020 Meeting. Motion Passed.

Tabled:

1. Reviewing Tree Warden Budget
2. Reviewing Board of Health Budget Request for FY21 (Transfer station)
3. Review water department budget for FY21

Next Meeting: March 18th 2020 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm

*Jlombardo, Chair
Julie Bull, member
Cathy Smelcer, member*