

Town of Blandford
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2020

Open Session: 6:15pm

Present: **Jlombardo**, Chair, **JBull (JB)**, member, **Cathy Smelcer**, member, **JGarcia (JG)**, Town Administrator

NEW BUSINESS

- **Fire Department-** JG discussed with finance the allocated funds of \$200k for the new fire department tanker (2000 gal) to be purchased and the additional \$70k needed to make the purchase based on the vehicles researched. See Motion below for finance committee recommendation. Finance also discussed a 10 year plan for Engine replacements and the need for an asset schedule in order for the town to budget appropriately for large capital items.
- **Library-** JG discussed the library estimates for plumbing work needed at the Library along with installation of new water meter and water shut off. See Motion below for finance committee recommendation.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- **None Noted**

General Discussion – Finance reviewed the articles for Special Town Meeting and passed motions as noted below. Finance also discussed the progress on completing a compensation study by an outside consultant to help improve town budgeting and wage increases to make sure they are reasonable and consistent with similar positions in other municipalities.

Motion:

1. Library water meeter upgrade of \$6,828 recommended to pay out of Capital line item. Motion Passed.
2. Municiple Light board expenses recommended to move funds needed out of stabilization account to enterprise fund. Motion Passed.
3. Finance recommends to pay all of FY20 invoices outstanding from FY21 respective departements. (\$105 water, \$884.84 Highway, \$4.98 New Town Hall Maint, \$15.96 Cemetery, \$647.50 Cemetery, \$982.06 Town Counsel, \$169.37 Town Hall Utilities). Motion Passed.
4. Finance recommends to move budget overage approved at annual town meeting be allocated to Capital Improvements with \$70,000 earmarked for the Fire department tanker. Motion Passed.

Tabled: None

Next Meeting: Special Town Meeting September 28th, 2020

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

*Imit Lombardo, Chairman
Cathy Smelcer, member*