

Board of Finance Minutes
January 21, 2015
Regular Meeting

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7:02 pm meeting called to order

Present: Tracy Martin, Ed Dorsett, Lisa Weik, Barbara Burch, Selectman Aiello, members of the public.

Absent: Ron Emanuel, Larry Sweeney, Scott Pottbecker, Jessica McDonald.

Motion made by Lisa Weik to appoint Ed Dorsett for Ron Emanuel, 2nd by Barbara Burch. Motion Carried

Motion by Barbara Burch, 2nd by Lisa Weik to move Board of Selectman update from item 4 to item 9 on agenda. Motion Carried

Correspondence:

FOIA Letter; will be reconsidered and be hearing the matter on Jan. 28 for an expedited FOIA Hearing

Auditor Update; Progress, still need more information, Bank statements, and reconciliation information, will look to file an extension with OPM from January 31st.

Email To Tax Assessor, from Ron Emanuel, asking to come to tonight's meeting, no response received. No word on when the tax assessor will be coming before the Board of Finance.

Assessor's Report; no tax assessor's report

Ed Dorsett reported; 2013 reports had been sent in. Was reported that those new reports have been entered, are still awaiting certification from assessor. Area large differences from year to year were also noted. The Town of Morris website, Tax Assessor's page reports Oct. 1, 2014 tax re-evaluation.

Budget 2013/2014; discussion tabled until auditor's report is given.

Budget 2014/2015; no discussion held. There was no new/updated spreadsheets or report(s) regarding the Health Insurance Premiums.

Budget 2015/2016:

Discussion regarding reinstitution an incumbrance system, will talk to the auditor.

Planning and Zoning Budget Received.

Bantam Lake Authority; Tom Weik for Bantam Lake Authority.

Overall budget is down due to DEEP losing man power in the law enforcement arm. Requested 8,866.66, down from 14,600 from last year.

Library Budget received.

Motion by Ed Dorsett, accept minutes as written, 2nd by Lisa Weik. Motion Carried.

Annual Report update;

Motion by Ed Dorsett that we send to all boards a commissions, a reminder to all boards and commissions to get their annual report in, thank those that have already submitted, and remind people that we do not due the annual report until the auditor's report is final. Give date of jan. 30 to get in their information to the board of finance. The audit is not done, time line may be extended. For Lisa Weik to do. 2nd by Lisa Weik. Motion carried.

Motion by Barabara Burch; The board of finance make a request to the first selectman as to who will be representing the Board of Finance in the 4 upcoming complaints/hearings with FOIA. 2nd by Ed Dorsett. Motion carried. Barbara Burch will send it to them. Lisa Weik will hand deliver, as well as email.

New Business;

Ed Dorsett submitted bill for milage \$117.87 for FOIA expenses. Motion by Barbara Burch to accept and submit for payment, 2nd by Lisa Weik. Motion Carried. Ed Dorsett abstained.

Board of Selectman update; No update on the insurance. The auditor has kept them busy. The assessor was checked with, tax assessor has not received any emails requesting her to come before the board of finance. She reported that there were no problems with exemptions. Only 1 veteran complained, and he was not eligible. That was the only phone call that she has received. Ed Dorsett suggests that the selectman look at the reports that he had brought into the board of finance.

Motion to invite tax assessor to our next board of finance meeting, by Ed Dorsett, to be sent by email and hand delivered. Barbara Burch 2nd. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ed Dorsett to add under new business, memo to Morris boards and Commissions, to agenda. 2nd by Barbara Burch. Motion carried.

Motion by Ed Dorsett to send memo out, 2nd by Lisa Weik, motion carried.

Move to adjourn by Lisa Weik: 7:57 pm; 2nd by Tracy Martin. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Martin
Board of Finance Clerk