

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MONDAY MARCH 18, 2019

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Gajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Joe Freitas.

Chairman Joe Freitas shared information from the SBHS FY20 Budget Public Hearing that was presented to the towns on March 14, 2019 in the SBHS Library.

- The \$75,000 for the turf was removed.
- \$68,000 of the turf monies went to Special Needs personal.
- The assessment is actually up 4.06%. Went from \$2,581,969 to \$3,162,092.
- Two retirement of debt, one for \$337,500 and one for \$242,623 were not included in the initial assessment and needed to be.
- Student growth went up 9 students.
- Handout regarding the presentation/funds for the budget was provided to each member of the finance committee.
- The capital improvement funds of \$234,000 for lighting project is part of the MSBA request submitted by the K-8 for this coming fiscal year.

Also, in our packets were the corrected FY 2020 Operating Budget for our review and one we would be using for the budget.

- Page 9 - changes brought to our attention \$25,000 for ems on call for Sunday coverage. (gives us coverage all 3.5 shifts).
- Page 3 - recommended HR position added at \$25,000. This person would also be considered a assistant treasure backup. 6 hours from the collector's office, moved to Treasure office.
- Page 11 - if budget allows add line item of \$5000 for auction related equipment.

Chairman Joe Freitas explained that he would be working and reaching out to Superintendent Tom Lynch regarding their budget and additional information that will help us understand their budget. Also, Mr. Freitas requested that Michele Hamilton reach out to the Library for additional information as well.

Rob Rose of the Highway-Tree Warden and is also covering the DPW, came in to present his budget.

- Mr. Rose provided the committee with a detailed report regarding the reason for the increase.
- Mr. Rose Also explained the changes of personnel services, and of highway expenses as of March 12, 2019.
- Mr. Rose also discussed Capital Improvement Planning.



- With any luck, we should be good for the season regarding snow removal. He purchases his salt at a \$11 per ton. It is not american made which is far more expensive. Purchased 11,000 tons last year.
- OSHA is going to be a major issue in the next few years if not sooner. In the budget a cost of \$2200 for training so the employees can get their OSHA 10 card.
- New contract for trash disposal through CMAS at \$10,000 is currently being investigated.
- Joe is going to look into radios for the vehicles.

After the discussion on the budget, Mr. Rose provided the committee with handouts detailing the information he provided. In addition, he shared with the committee pictures of machinery that he and his team have refurbished.

Also we briefly discuss the revenue coming in to help offset the recycling issues. We need to keep in mind that these funds do not go directly to DPW.

- \$30,392.74 - Bags
- \$40,900.00 - Stickers
- \$17,839.95 - Bulk *BULK* 

Ending the evening with a few updates/reviews. Request the Library presentation for April 8, 2019. Request the Superintendent of K-8 presentation for April 22, 2019. April 15 is elective.

Chairman Joe Freitas requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm. Motion was made and seconded. The committee voted unanimously to adjourn.

Joe Freitas
Michele K. Hamilton
John Freitas
Nancy B. Bajoli