



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

TOWN HALL
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TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Kocsmiersky, Chair
Jason Christian, Vice Chair
Richard Levasseur, Clerk
David Aznavoorian
Susan Bishop
Thomas L. Cooke
Richard Russo

Finance Committee

February 14, 2022 – Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee was called to order by Mr. Rob Kocsmiersky - Chair at 7:00 PM on Monday February 14, 2022. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Jason Christian - Vice Chair, Mr. Richard Levasseur - Clerk, Mr. David Aznavoorian, Ms. Susan Bishop and Mr. Richard Russo.

Also participating in the meeting was town manager Mr. Richard Montouri.

Mr. Thomas Cooke was not present at the meeting.

2. FY23 Budget Reviews

Regional Communications Budget

Mr. Kevin Lessard gave a presentation on the NMRECC outlining some of the successful highlights of the center over the past year, reviewed staffing, call volumes and grants. There was some discussion by committee members about the types of calls and how they are logged.

The FY23 requested budget is \$2,344,675.

Questions from the committee included staff turnover rates, recruitment of new personnel and equipment. Grants were also discussed. The goal of the State is to increase the number of communities who are a part of a regional center.

Fire Department Budget

Chief Kearns reported that there was turnover in the department last year with retirements, etc. A great camaraderie has developed between the new firefighters and the more senior personnel. FY23 has a requested budget of \$6,144,534.

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Grants were discussed as well as ambulance coverage, hopefully a second ambulance can be in operation full time. This past year, a second ambulance was used for 120 days. Additionally, the committee discussed the need for a new engine.

Telemedia Department Budget

Mr. Brian Dorrington reported on the current status of the department. Equipment upgrades to the video and audio systems in town hall. Supply chain issues are a factor with the equipment being looked at so there may be a need to go to different manufacturers for some items. The \$229,500 cost for these upgrades will be covered by monies received by Verizon and Comcast.

Street Light Budget

Town Manager Richard Montouri discussed the fact that we purchased all LED streetlights for the town. The bond that the town took out for the purchase of the streetlights was paid off early. FY23 budget requested \$72,750

There was some discussion by the committee regarding who is responsible for maintenance of these fixtures. Mr. Montouri reported that the town has entered into an agreement with a third party who will repair and/or replace streetlights.

3. Town Manager – Transfers

No reports or transfers

4. Finance committee member representation on other committees

No committee reports

5. No Timesheets submitted.

6. No Minutes to approve

7. MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by committee member Mr. David Aznavoorian at approximately 8:20PM, seconded by committee member Mr. Richard Russo.

Motion Carried 6-0

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Documents Presented and/or Discussed:

- NMRECC budget presentation
- Fire Department budget spreadsheet
- Streetlight budget spreadsheet

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