

WEST NEWBURY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 6:00pm

Location: 1910 Building, 1st Floor Hearing Room

Attendees: Gary Roberts, Nathan Kelly, Jessica Knezek, Jim Sperelakis, Joe Heyman, Angus Jennings, Stephanie Frontiera, Christian Kuhn

Not in Attendance: Chuck Wegryzn

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order - 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes - none to approve tonight.

3. Public Comment - none

4. End of the Year Transfers

Account listed is the account the transfer was sent into. Complete details of amounts transferred, and which accounts the transfers came from were provided in the back up materials to tonight's meeting.

Select Board Operating Expense - Approved 5-0-0

Conservation Expenses - Approved 5-0-0

Planning Expense - Approved 5-0-0

Dispatch Overtime - Discussion

NK - Dispatch OT overspent by \$3,083.54, but Salary & Wages underspent by \$50,491.63, so just want to be clear, that means there will be a \$47,408.09 turnback?

SF - Yes

NK - Great

- Approved 5-0-0

Police Overtime - Discussion

NK - Same question as before, with balancing OT, Police Salary & Wages \$36,636.86 turnback?

SF - Yes

NK - OT being overspent in these cases is great since we are getting such large turnbacks in Salary accounts.

GR - What is going on with the injured person, or is he likely to come back?

AJ - Too soon to say. Disability claim is in process. But currently receiving a full salary.

NK - Sick time being used?

AJ - Yes, but MGL - Part 1, Title VII, Chapter 41, Section 111F may become a factor.

- Approved 5-0-0

Animal Control Prof Services - Discussion

NK - why was a rental vehicle necessary?

AJ - Needed a rental vehicle because of a car accident. Then we got a lemon, so it was an ongoing issue for a while.

- Approved 5-0-0

Fire Other Wages - Approved 5-0-0

Parks Expenses - Discussion

NK - This, and two other transfers are coming from Highways, Sidewalks, and Trees account, which has \$57,213.34 balance, with the three transfers (\$1,689.53, \$764.97, and \$4,277.65 - totaling \$6,732.15), leaving a balance of \$50,481.19 to be turned back, correct?

SF - Yes

NK - Why is this account not spent fully, when we have plenty of issues related to these areas? We have heard of complaints about street paving, there are certainly areas that could use sidewalks (Maple St., for instance), and the last couple years we have approved an article requesting additional funds to take care of tree pruning/removal. Since Mr. Jennings and Mr. Amaral have been in place, this department has done a better job of projecting and accounting its spending. However, this account should not be a fund to support the rest of the DPW accounts, and I am surprised it was not fully spent on the many issues we have related to these areas. If it is not going to be spent, this line item should be reduced in the future.

AJ - The money may not have been able to be spent just due to the time it takes from an administrative/procurement perspective. Unfortunately, Mr. Amaral is on vacation tonight, but when he gets back he can get us a complete answer on this question. But all the stuff you said is valid. This account will surely be fully spent in the future. We have many upcoming significant projects.

- Approved 5-0-0

Stormwater Management - Approved 5-0-0

DPW OT Wages - Approved 5-0-0

Town Building Operating Expenses - Approved 5-0-0

Soldiers Grave Expenses - Approved 5-0-0

Interest and Pay Downs - Approved 5-0-0

5. Election of Officers

a.) Chair: Gary Roberts, Approved 5-0-0

b.) Vice Chair: Nathan Kelly, Approved 5-0-0

c.) Secretary/Clerk: Jim Sperelakis, Approved 5-0-0

d.) Capital Improvements Committee Representative: Joe Heyman - Approved 5-0-0

e.) Investment Policy Committee Representative: Chuck Wegryzn - Approved 5-0-0

6. Preview of draft online budget model and “use of tax dollars” calculator

AJ - please give us feedback on these tools

CK gave a presentation of what these new tools do. Suggestions were made for potentially including additional years, percentages on the pie chart

GR, et. al. - nice job CK!

7. Adjournment, 6:40 p.m.

This was the final meeting for Jessica Knezek. Thank you for your service to the Town.