



ORIGINAL

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE: CHAIRMAN JOE FREITAS, VICE CHAIR MATT CHABOT, MICHELE HAMILTON, AND TABITHA MCCROHAN

The Finance Committee will continue to ensure discipline, fairness, and transparency in the budget process by seeking budget input from all concerned. Inviting all departments and supervisors to a final public hearing on the FINCOM FY24 budget recommendation.

Chairman Joe Freitas called the meeting of April 11, 2023, to order at 6:03 pm.

There were no minutes for approval at this time.

A request to post agenda for a joint meeting between the Finance Committee and the Town of Berkley Selectman. The purpose of the meeting is for the Town of Berkley Finance Committee to present the final budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 to the Town of Berkley Selectman.

Superintendent of K-8, Ms. Ryan verified that Somerset/Berkley Regional High School included the Special Ed funding for any student going to the high school next year as part of their budget. This brings the k-8 budget down by \$82,162.00.

The Finance Committee began the line-by-line of the departments, the final pass through before the Finance Committee submits the budget to the Town of Berkley Selectman for approval.

Each department was subject to a cut of some sort and a couple of changes were made. The Town Clerk department had a Stipen line for the payment of salaries during the period of election in the amount of \$600.00. After discussion, it was decided to transfer the \$600.00 to elections and remove it from the Town Clerk budget line.

The Emergency Medical Services, due to the loss of personnel, overtime has increased and funds for the communications department dwindling down. The current balance is approximately \$282,671.00, enough to complete this year (end of June). An issue that must be dealt with later.

In case we could end with a surplus, this amount will be set aside for the purpose of salaries or to cover other expenses that may come in through after June 30, 2023.

The bulk of the accounts need to be confirmed as the right amount has been dealt with and the lines filled in.

The revenue, \$850,000. The motor vehicle tax is the expected amount of funds entering, and we will keep that amount, but it may change.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Verbal request for adjournment, the motion was unanimously.

Joe Freitas

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