

**TOWN OF BERKLEY
FINANCE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2019**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele, Nancy Gajoli.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Joe Freitas.

Chairman Joe Freitas said he had received a phone call from Finance Committee Member Melinda Paine-Dupont explaining there was a family emergency that has called her away and she will not be in attendance.

Mr. Freitas explained that he had a conversation with Ms. Paine-Dupont regarding this evening's meeting, our objectives, and walked through various scenario/changes that we would be discussing. Ms. Paine-Dupont assured Chairman Joe Freitas that she was in agreement with the scenario/changes we would be discussing and hopefully approving the FY2020 budget this evening.

The committee then dived into the FY2020 Operating Budget By Line Item and proceeded to review, discuss and made minimal changes/corrections.

The committee changed their focus to a discussion regarding the revenue available to the community and the possibility for increases in various accounts, which will play a major part of a balance budget by November. Also, this budget does not include the Accountant and Communication Departments contracts still under negotiation.

After an in depth discussion, the Finance Committee Chairman, Joe Freitas called for a motion to accept the recommended budget of \$20,310,493 with a structural deficit of (\$125,386), that will be covered from available funds. A motion was made and seconded to accept this recommendation. A call for a vote was made by Chairman Mr. Freitas and the committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

Chairman Joe Freitas indicated he would notify the various departments of their budgets and post the next two meetings.

- Monday April 29, 2019 will be set aside to present the budget to the various departments and open for discussion in the event that departments might have questions.
- Wednesday May 1, 2019 will be set aside to present the budget to the selectman.

Chairman Joe Freitas called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. A motion was made and seconded. A call for a vote was made by Chairman Mr. Freitas and the committee unanimously approved the adjournment.

Joe Freitas 4.29.2019
Michele Hamilton 4.29.2019
Nancy B. Gajoli