

TOWN OF BERKEY FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2020

Meeting May 19, 2020

Called to order @ 6:00 pm

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic regulations, we are utilizing Zoom for a Virtual Meeting, and in accordance to the rules must do verbal roll call of members.

In attendance by roll call: Chairman Joe Freitas, Secretary Michele Hamilton, Nancy Cajoli, Melinda Paine-Dupont.

Chairmen Joe Freitas introduced Town Administrator, Heather Martin-Sterling as a participant in this evenings meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to postpone the minutes of May 12, 2020 approval until next meeting. Minutes not received by members.

Library

At the meeting of February 24, 2020, Chairman Joe Freitas read a letter received from the Director of the Library, Vickie Dowson. The letter was an introduction to the budget presented for fiscal year 2021. A question arises regarding the magic number and it was decided that Secretary Michele Hamilton and get clarification.

Notification was received and shared with the Finance Committee Members. Ms. Dawson indicate that the true magic number for the Library is \$137,670.00.

Discussion on Schools

At this time there is no indication of how or when the schools will be opening. Some conversation indicated the possibility for double sessions, eating in the rooms, and the children would stay in one room while the teachers rotated from room to room.

What or how the high schools are going to precede is still an unknown. It was noted that Coyle and Cassidy High School is closing their doors. Berkley currently has two students that may go into the SBHS system or other schools within our district.

School Choice Sending was another topic of discussion. The committee must focus and discuss what options that would best suit the budgets going forward. Couple of options were discussed were to send the funds back to the school budget or possibly splitting the charges.

House, Ways and Means Discussion.

At this time, the HWM have not presented their budget for discussion or approval to the state senate and until such time we get final figure's there is little we can do towards our own town budget.

Right now, the town meeting this scheduled for June 29, 2020. However, this is a tentative date.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm. Roll call taken, committee voted unanimously 4-0 to adjourn.