



TOWN OF BERKLEY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING minutes of April 11, 2022

In Attendance: Joe Freitas, Michele Hamilton, Matt Chabot and Tabitha McChronon

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Joe Freitas at 6:01 pm.

Review of the Minutes from March 28, 2022. Motion to accept the minutes made by Tabitha McCrohan and seconded by Matt Chabot.

Review of minutes for April 4th, 2022. Motion to accept the minutes made by Michelle Hamilton and seconded by Matt Chabot.

Public Hearing with the Town Administrator, Town Accountant, Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.

Line by line review of the Fire department, there is an increase in outside services mostly for equipment inspection. Turnout gear needs to be replaced so there is a rotation on replacements. BFD is significantly behind in updating the turnout gear. We currently have 12 sets that will be expiring in the next 2 years. The town uses an AFG grant to replace Air Packs.

EMS Call EMT increase looking to change to 12hr shifts instead of 8hr shifts. Call staff is very limited during the day due to not working in town. EMS call volume is continuously on the rise. The EMS department generates a significant amount of revenue for the town.

Town Accountant's budget has increase in contractual obligations only everything else is level funded.

Town building is level funded.

Quick review of the budge in it's entirety.

Looking at the budget as a whole for the future of the town, this is not sustainable.

Fin Com has emailed a request to the town Admin and Town accountant asking for the following.

Request from town admin and town accountant for turned in monies from the budget? Also, we would like information on all the insurance monies that have been returned to see what needs to be returned to OPEB.

Discussion on the budget of the Tree Warden and what may be a more feasible option.

Next meeting will be a working budget for the meeting. April 26th, 2022.

Tabitha McCrohan makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Chabot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.