

Holland Finance Board

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 20th, 2020

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Members present: Clelland Johnson, Andy Harhay, Joe Yiznitsky, Stacy Stout

Members not present: Sharon Ashleigh

BOS Representative present: none

Called to order by Clelland Johnson, Chair, at 7:19PM (late start due to technical difficulties)

- Reviewed Agenda
 - Reviewed Minutes from 05/06/2020 meeting - Motion to accept minutes as amended (add Members not present) for 05/06/2020 made by Andy, 2nd Clelland, All in favor-Yes
- Reviewed/Discussed Budget and Articles
 - Finance Board (FB) will defer endorsement of Articles until after confirmation of BOS endorsements
 - Discussion on options for getting to balanced budget to present to Town
 - Going with close to Level-funded budgets (allowing for increases due to minimum wage parameters and cuts where departments identified)
 - Free Cash use, consideration of FY21 requests and articles
 - How to account for estimated 20% reduction in State aid
 - Local receipts – we're looking at 10%, should it be 20% (Andy/Clelland to confirm with Laurie Bartkus)
 - Preparation for starting FY21 using 1/12th budget as per municipal guidelines for operation during COVID19 constraints – FB will get further clarification from Janine Drake and Laurie Bartkus on 1/12th budget definition and impact on paying any bills that may be front-loaded
 - FB members to review Articles and raise any questions so we can have things together by June 22 if ATM is July 7th
- Review Correspondence - Transfer Requests
 - Ambulance Service – transfer \$541.81 from Reserve Fund to cover payment to Action Ambulance for May 2020 and June 2020 due to closing of Brimfield Ambulance closing

- Motion to approve made by Andy
 - 2nd by Joe
 - No discussion, All in favor-Yes
- Year End transfer request from Highway Department/Brian Johnson for \$6,208.00 to be paid to Northern Tree for work done for tree damage from storm on 4/20/2020
 - Motion to approve made by Andy
 - 2nd by Joe
 - All in favor-Yes
- Transfer request from Highway Dept/Brian Johnson for \$2,500 for additional pothole patch
 - Discussion – this should be covered inter-department
 - Motion to Reject made by Clelland, 2nd by Andy
 - Roll call vote – Joe/No, Stacy/No
 - Request Denied
- Roundtable
 - FB will work under assumption of earlier ATM meeting date and meet every week for the next 4 weeks
 - Summary of items for FB members to consider for next meeting discussion
 - Identify options for where cuts can be made
 - Is 20% reduction in state aid correct or should we be more conservative
 - Should we use same percentage for local receipts as last year
 - Which of the Warrant Articles are most important to endorse in trying times
 - Analyze deficit; consideration to fund stabilization to cover shortfalls

Motion to adjourn made by Andy, 2nd by Joe, All in favor - Yes

Adjourned at 8:53

Next Meeting: Wed, May 27th at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Stout, Secretary