

01/07/21 7:00| Carl Brunetti

Carl Brunetti, Bob Turner, Dave Hartley, Mike Babbitt, Mike O'Connell, Rhonda Lacombe, Bill DiBiasio, **Maryanne Bessette**, Donna Sullivan, **Mark Enander**, Andrew Esposito

Also in attendance

*if marked **red** this denotes absent

Motion to approve the minutes of 11/05/2020 by Mike Babbitt and second by Dave Hartley, unanimous
Correspondence:

Town Administrator Almond regarding the final version of his 2022 Budget Proposal, may not have the final numbers since the numbers won't be available by 2/15/2021. This is due to the fact that the State of Rhode Island has until the end of March to complete their budget. They will do the best they can and we will have to make adjustments as we go if needed. School Department sent their monthly over as a PDF and will be sending it back as an excel as requested.

We will follow up and ask if they can add the 2019 so we can see how the COVID spending has had an effect.

Public Comment: None

New Business: Welcome to Andrew Esposito and around the table of introductions to the members.

Question to Carl from Mike Babbitt have we received any reimbursement for the COVID expenses? There is money due for the HS project and none received that we know of?

Superintendent Larry Filippelli has said they are reorganizing the School Committee and once this is done they will have a date for the budget workshops.

Public Comment: None

Regular Business:

FY 20 Audit on hold Carl will reach out to see if there is an expectation date.

FY 20 Budget for the Municipal no information

FY 20 The Education Department appears to have a \$717,000 Surplus we are going to ask for a copy of the unaudited 6/30/2020 Year-End Financial Report

December 10th tax collections are down 3% guessing it has to do with the motor vehicle tax not mailed yet.

Table games are down at Twin River so a reduction in the revenue is expected.

It's too premature to draw any conclusion.

2021 Current deficit of 626K Medicaid reimbursement. Medical line is down at this time and that is slightly lower than last year.

We have no updates on the status of the Capital projects

Status on the High School building- Mike O and Mike B

The new date for completion of the SCHOOL portion is July 2021. We have had many changes there is a 330K left in contingency's and for certain will be a photo finish. Currently Mike B has told Gilbaine the list has been on going and they needed to act on them. There is six months to go for completion and they are working on the high visibility items on the punch list. Regardless they are responsible for the list.

The unanticipated additional proceeds realized as a result of the sale of the Bond is the money they are using for the Administration building and the same individuals that are on this committee will oversee that committee. The town is expecting additional reimbursement from the State since it's considered the same project. Currently the building committee has not seen any plans or information on the new wing and has asked for them to be at the next meeting.

Another side note by Mike O'Connell is that total enrollment per the October RIDE report shows the enrollment less than budgeted.

2017 up 81, 2018 up 46, 2019 up 82 and 2020 up 2? We will see if we can get some verification from the School department these items are provided by RIDE.

FY22 Governor has until the end of March for her budget.

Town Administrator will try to get the recommended budget to us 2/15/2021 doing the best he can but it may need to be amended. Currently there doesn't seem to be funding for any Capital projects. Again we will have to wait on all the figures to be in however it will be too late for the Board to make any amendments prior to the

Financial TownMeeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn BillDiBiasio Seconded by Dave Hartley at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting date:

1/28/2021