

01/28/21 7:00| Carl Brunetti

Carl Brunetti, BobTurner, Dave Hartley, Mike Babbitt, Mike O'Connell, Rhonda Lacombe, BillDiBiasio, Maryanne Bessette, Donna Sullivan, MarkEnander, Andrew Esposito

Also in attendance

\*if marked red this denotes absent

Motion to approve the minutes of 1/07/2021 by Bill DiBiasio and second by Mike Babbitt 8 Approved and 1 Abstained.

Correspondence:

Dates for the Budget Workshop of the School Department, 1/19 and 1/26.

We received the Financial Reports from John McNamee in Excel Format and he added a FY19 Reference.

TC to review the LHS Auditorium for the FTM.

Town Administrator with status of budget, anticipated to be ready for the 17<sup>th</sup> of February.

Public Comment: None

Regular Business:

Audit has an extension and should be complete 1/31/2021.

Budget Status for FY20, School Department should have a surplus of 717,050.00

FY21 Municipal Budget: Financial Director report as of 1/14/21 the collection of taxes is down still 3%. Motor vehicle billing is out, Table games at Twin River is up. We are not expected to receive more than the 5.2 million. We are not able to draw any conclusions on funding for the Capital Projects, anything considered will remain on hold until we receive further information from the Town Administrator.

Capital Projects are funded with the funds in the Capital Fund Accounts. Receipts from gambling is not going to make a surplus so there is not to be expected additional funds for projects. We will need to take the beginning balance and subtract the actual receipts and the balance will go back to the fund for use this year.

School Department FY21 is looking like they will have a deficit of 626,000. The School Department will receive additional funds from State Aid, of 779,865 over the approved budget. Medicaid reimbursement will be down by \$140,000. The State may be waving the MOE for this year's Budget prep.

The School Department should have their numbers in. Substitute teachers pay is up 629K and should this be coming from the COVID expense money? Carl will ask the question. Janitors also had an increase since we are using them for the HS renovation project and if this is the case should this be coming out of the funding for the HS renovation? Carl will ask the question.

Capital side:

HS roof came in final bill under 27K Central and Saylesville all came in under the estimated amount. The 5-year plan is 160K for this year. The Budget board also noted that in years past we have completed more than the 20% the first in a given year and the money being spent may not be evenly done some years it will be more and once it is satisfied this is all that is needed for the State Aid.

FY22 Education Budget proposed 60,618,978.00 this is an increase of 2.92% or 1,719,861.00. Expense: salaries up 319K. Fringe benefits up 378K including 5% for Health care cost. Transportation cost

up 635,000. Technology up 361K. The Capital Budget Sub Committee, John Picozzi, Bill McManus and Steve Carvahlo. Scope changes for the HS addition of 150K, including 70K for the girls' locker room.

Carl will ask the Town Administrator if we can receive the budget in person on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2021?

Carl will also ask if we can resume in person Budget Board Meetings. If there are 25 people allowed, we will need to know who will attend and set up a Zoom meeting also for anyone additional that may want to dial in.

Public Comment: None

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn Bill DiBiasio and Seconded by Dave Hartley at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting date:

2/17/2020