



Town of Bridgewater

Budget & Finance Committee

January 23, 2023

6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Councilor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Committee Members Present:

Councilor Wood, Councilor George and Councilor Gallagher. Also in attendance was Assistant Town Manager Kimberly Williams, School Committee Members Michael Dolan and Lillian Holbrook and Interim School Superintendent Ryan Powers.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Councilor George made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2023, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Public Comment – None

Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY23-040: Certified Assessors Compensation

Councilor Gallagher noted that this is for the Assessor to receive an increase after completing certain educational courses.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-040, which was duly seconded by Councilor George.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

b) Order O-FY23-041: Acceptance of Non- Recurring Revenue to Capital

Councilor Gallagher noted that this was standard every year for prison mitigation.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-041, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Councilor George asked that we reach out to our Rep and find out how the determination is made and how do we get more.

c) Order O-FY23-042: Transfer Order - CPA Old State Farm Trail Project

Councilor Gallagher noted that this was \$40k for the surveying of the Old Trail Rail project.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-042, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

d) Order O-FY23-043: Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District Capital Allocation

Assistant Town Manager Williams noted that the District requests from the Town capital monies for projects. The Town Council approved the track but the District used that monies for IT projects so this is to clean up the books.

Councilor Wood asked if it is the same money as the original vote. Assistant Town Manager Williams noted that it was.

Councilor Gallagher noted that the request came in capital plan and asking for tennis courts but then came back for track. But different funds covered the track so want to fund IT.

School Committee Member Michael Dolan noted that the track and tennis courts were being done but the money came out of another account to cover those costs. Communicated to the Towns but it was a timing issue.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-043, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

e) Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-007: Acceptance of Local Tax Option - Retail Marijuana Tax

Councilor Wood noted that this Ordinance was to set the tax rate to 3% for retail marijuana sales.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY23-007, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

f) Proposed Ordinance D-FY23-008: Cash Policy - Retail Marijuana Tax Reserve Fund

Councilor Wood noted that the 3% tax would be allocated to reserves. Sets up fund, does not direct funds to.

Councilor Gallagher noted that he thinks this can be done down the road, why not treat the 3% like hotel or meals tax.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Ordinance D-FY23-008, which was duly seconded by Councilor George.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – No; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-1

Public Comment – None

Adjournment of Meeting

Councilor George made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Yea; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, to approve the aforementioned minutes.

