

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Finance Committee

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MJ Spagone
Rigobert Noel
Lee Beane
Brian Glidden
Stephen Pace



Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Bridgewater Finance Committee Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on April 24, 2023

Call to order: 7:30

Committee Members Present: Nathan Schofield, Eric Langone, Julie Scleparis, MJ Spagone, Rigobert Noel, Stephen Pace, Brian Glidden

Committee Members Not Present: Christopher Blunt, Lee Beane

Guests in Attendance: Michael Dutton – Town Manager, Councilor Shawn George, Finance Department - Laurie Guerrini, Finance Department – Michelle Rota

Public Comment - None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023

MJ Spagone motioned to approve the April 10th meeting minutes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Order O-FY23-054: AFSCME Contractual Ratification

The Town Manager negotiated Memorandum of Agreements with AFSCME Council 93 - Local 1700.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY23-054 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance D-FY23-010: Establish Stabilization Fund - Opioid Legal Settlements

This ordinance accepts the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, to be effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend D-FY23-010 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance D-FY23-011: Special Purpose Stabilization Fund - Opioid Settlement

The ordinance dedicates 100 percent of the monies received from opioid settlements or litigation to the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2023.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend D-FY23-011 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business**Order O-FY23-053: Town Clerk's Salary**

Councilor Shawn George discussed with the FinCom an increase to the Town Clerk's salary.

MJ Spagone motioned to take O-FY23-053 out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY23-053 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 1 nay the motion was approved.

Order O-FY24-001: FY2024 Annual Town Budget

Acceptance of the FY2024 Annual Town Budget.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY24-001 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY24-002: FY2024 Water Enterprise Fund Budget

Acceptance of the FY2024 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-002 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY24-003: FY2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget

Acceptance of the FY2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-003 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY24-004: FY2024 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget

Acceptance of the FY2024 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-004 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY24-005: Authorization of Revolving Funds

An order to establish revolving funds for certain Town Departments under the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, with specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY24-005 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – *MJ Spagone motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 8:43 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*