

Franklin Finance Committee Minutes

March 11, 2014

Training Room

Present: Mike DuFour, Chris Quinn, Pat Fleming, Bill Dowd, Tim Smith, George Conley, Paul Aparo

Absent: Susan Dewsnap, Linda Huempfer

Discussion, motion, agenda items

Meeting is being audio recorded. Noting a quorum present, Mike DuFour called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

No citizens comments.

Motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2014: Approved 7/0

New committee member – George Conley

Budget Hearings

1. Employee Benefits – Retirement assessment from the county. ~\$500K increase due to a reclassification from the school budget of retiree benefits; retirement assessment and health care insurance costs
2. Human Resources – Level service budget
3. Town Council – Slight increase to allow for more seminar/training attendance
4. Town Administrator – Level service budget
5. Finance Committee - Slight increase to allow for more seminar/training attendance
6. Comptroller – Level service budget; assistant comptroller retiring Sept '14. Transition to follow
7. Assessors – Level service budget
8. Treasurer/Collector – Level service budget
9. Legal – Level service budget
10. Appeals Board – Level service budget. Advertisement fees, paid for by the applicants
11. Central Services – Level service budget
12. Animal Control – Level service budget. Regional 24-hr coverage agreement w/ Bellingham
13. Parking Meter – Level service budget; potential increase in following years for switch to swipe card functionality
14. Memorial Day – Level service budget
15. Cultural Council – Level service budget
16. Debt – Contractually obligated debt/int payments. Within Councils policy of 3.5% as a percentage of the total budget (3.07%)
17. General Insurance – Plug based on PY actuals and expectations

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting set for March 13, 2014

Motion to adjourn at 8:28: Approved 7/0