Franklin Finance Committee Minutes

April 7, 2015

Municipal Building

Present: Susan Dewsnap, Linda Huempfner, Pat Fleming, Bill Dowd, George Conley, Kerri Bertone

Absent: Mike DuFour, Paul Aparo, Tim Smith

Discussion, motion, agenda items

Meeting is being recorded by Franklin Matters. Susan Dewsnap called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

No citizens comments.

New committee member - Kerri Bertone

Purchase of Building for Recreation Department

The building on Emmons Street that currently houses the Recreation Department is in the process of being sold. The Rec Center needs to move out July / August. They are looking to purchase building on Beaver Street in June / July to begin renovations. Building would be paid for with excess town funds and through increased recreation center fees. Motion to recommend purchase of building for Recreation Department Approved 6/0

Capital Plan Reviews

- 1. Police Department Reviewed items totaling \$265k
- 2. Department of Public Works Reviewed vehicle and project items totaling \$1,050,000
- 3. Department of Public Works Reviewed sidewalk project totaling \$1,850,000 that would be funded by a bond.
- 4. Enterprise Accounts Reviewed Water and Sewer needs of \$1,040,000. Water master plan gets updated every 10 years.

Vote on capital plan items to be held at May 22 meeting after all requests have been reviewed. Brutus Cantoreggi also advised that our 2015 Snow / Winter budget is projected to be overspent by \$500k.

FY 2016 Budget update

FY 2016 Budget is behind schedule due to tough winter weather and new governor releasing information. Franklin is waiting on the following pieces of information:

- Health insurance meeting update
- Charter School funding correction from State
- Franklin Fire Department arbitration amount

Jeff will check on Council Chamber availability to schedule 2016 Budget Hearings.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting set for April 22, 2015

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 Approved 6/0