

Sturbridge Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2014 ~ Sturbridge Town Hall  
7:00pm

Call to Order:

Kevin Smith, Chair (KS); Mike Serio (MS); Joni Light (JL); Larry Morrison (LM); Kathy Neal (KN); and Arnold Wilson (AW). Absent: Alex Athans (AA) and Bob Jepson (BJ).

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of May 6, 2014 were reviewed and approved as written. LM moved the motion; MS seconds. Motion accepted 4-0-2.

Minutes of May 29, 2014 were reviewed and approved as amended. KN moved the motion; LM seconds. Motion accepted 5-0-1.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Board of Health:

A transfer request (RFT) from the Reserve Fund to the Board of Health Purchase of Service Account (15102-52000) was made by Alyssa Rusiecki for \$225.00 to cover the cost of the Certified Pool Operators Class for the new pool inspector.

MS moved the motion to transfer \$225.00 from the Reserve Fund to Board of Health Purchase of Service Account (15102-52000); AW seconds. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Board of Health:

A transfer request (RFT) from the Reserve Fund to the Board of Health Other Charges Account (15102-57000) was made by Alyssa Rusiecki for \$160.00 to cover the cost of mileage for attendance at the Certified Pool Operators Class for the new pool inspector.

MS asked where the training was held, and if it included lodging, while AW similarly questioned the cost as it appeared high. KS and JL asked if food and anything else was included. With many questions KS asked that it be put on hold until he could confirm. KN confirmed that the session was in Norwood, approximately 60 miles from Sturbridge, and the committee was in agreement that it was adequate funding. KN moved the motion to transfer \$160.00 from the Reserve Fund to the Board of Health Other Charges Account (15102-57000); AW seconds. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Barbara Barry:

A transfer request (RFT) from the Reserve Fund to the Street Lights Account (19102-52110) was made by Barbara Barry for \$11,000.00 to cover the electricity bills for May and June of 2014.

AW asked about the Street Light Committee and if they report on broken lamps or other outages. MS commented on the use of LED lights in other communities, and also asked for information about the town solar project to potentially reduce electricity costs.

AW moved the motion to transfer \$11,000.00 from the Reserve Fund to Street Lights Account (19102-52110); KN seconds. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Police:

A transfer request (RFT) from the Reserve Fund to the Police Overtime Account (12101-51300) was made by Tom Ford for \$12,535.00 to cover the cost of overtime expenses for the balance of the fiscal year. The shortfall is a result of being understaffed by three police officers. Additionally, an officer was out on sick leave for five weeks.

LM moved the motion to transfer \$12,535.00 from the Reserve Fund to Police Overtime Account (12101-51300); AW seconds. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

Reserve Fund Transfer – Police:

A transfer request (RFT) from the Reserve Fund to the Police Other Charges Account (12102-57000) was made by Tom Ford for \$450.00 to cover the cost of additional travel costs associated with training as well as additional membership costs not previously budgeted.

JL asked if the SRO membership was included in the FY15 budget. MS pointed out that a departmental transfer can happen but who approves such transfers. KS confirmed that both the BOS and Finance Committee can make such approvals. However, the RFT process is easier to manage and less time consuming.

LM moved the motion to transfer \$450.00 from the Reserve Fund to Police Other Charges Account (12102-57000); AW seconds. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

Old Business/New Business:

KS noted that at Town Meeting the Town Moderator announced the appointment of a Finance Committee Member, Eric Perez.

Next meeting will be July 8, and the last one for FY14.

A motion to adjourn was made by MS: KN seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.

/jml