

# **Town of Williamsburg**

## **Minutes of the Finance Committee Williamsburg Town Offices 10 April 2019**

Members Present: Paul Wetzel, Linda Kisloski, Richard Kisloski, , Gil Loud, Jacqueline Dufresne, Eric Cerreta, Linda Rowley

Members absent: Charlie Heath, Charles Dudek

Member of the Public: Amy Bisbee

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Paul Wetzel at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were considered. R. Kisloski moved to accept the minutes as written. J. Dufresne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee spoke to Gordon (Rusty) Luce, member of the Department of Health, about the requested increase in both transfer station salaries (\$3,817 increase) and expenses (\$15,200). The Board of Health would like to hire an additional person at the transfer station to watch the large load waste bin. One person cannot watch the trash compactor and the large load waste bin. G. Luce felt that having a person watching and collecting tipping fees at the large load waste bin would result in an increase in fee revenue.

The Committee spoke to William Turner, Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, about the requested increase in both Highway Road Maintenance (\$19,537 increase) and Highway Equipment Maintenance (\$5000). W. Turner said that there is 47.5 miles of road in the Town and the Town receives \$187,000/year from the State as Chapter 90 money. This money is \$473,500 short for repairs needed over the next five years (see attached Road Work plan). W. Turner suggested that a warrant article for road repair may be needed next year.

The Committee spoke to Jason Connell, Fire Chief, about operations including a requested increase of \$3,275 in Fire Department Expenses. J. Connell explained operations and said that the labor line may be expended before the end of the year. This was the result of the number of calls to the Department. A requested increase in the Department Expense line reflects anticipated repairs for equipment. D. Kisloski suggested that the Chief needed to manage the budget lines more closely and that not all calls to the Department should be responded to if the labor line was depleted. Other members of the Committee disagreed.

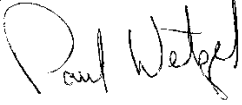
Members wondered if the employee retirement was being adequately funded. This question was asked of the Town Administrator.

The Committee reviewed the budget spreadsheets, noting the increases and decreases. Changes to the current budget included:

**The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held 1 May 2019 at 5:00.**

There being no further business before the Committee, J. Dufresne moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by L. Rowley. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Wetzel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul R. Wetzel