

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2017 at 6:00PM

Finance Committee Attendees:

Finance Committee Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, Jim Barron, Chris Thompson, Chris Pilla, Lisa Ferguson, Jill Meagher and Steve Gogolinski.

Finance Committee Member not in Attendance: None

Town of Northbridge Administration and Other Attendees:

Ted Kozak, Town Manager and Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant - Town of Northbridge

Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant - Town of Northbridge

Walter Warchol, Chief of Police – Town of Northbridge

Gary Nestor, Fire Chief – Town of Northbridge

Jamie Luchini, Assistant Director - DPW - Town of Northbridge

Finance Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the chairman; Plato Adams at 6:00PM.

Prior Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 29, 2016 was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Steve Gogolinski and unanimously approved with Jill Meagher abstaining from the vote.

Police Department Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the Police Department is \$2,770,235 with the increase in the personnel line compared to last year. A 3.5% and \$95,491 increase over FY17. The FY18 budget includes an increase of 430,530 to fund a 20th police officer that was approved by the town manager and was partially funded in the FY17 budget.

The Town Manager informed the police department to reduce the Regular Positions line item by \$25,000. The reason for the reduction was that the police department receives a \$30,000 E9-1-1 grant.

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Fire Department Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the Fire Department is \$730,622. A \$16,000 or so increase in the overall budget compared to last year; with the majority increase in the personnel and overtime line item.

Ambulance Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the Ambulance is \$738,921. A \$40,000 or so increase in the overall budget compared to last year; with the majority increase in the personnel and overtime line item as well as \$8,000 additional Repairs / Maintenance and Prof and Tech Services.

Emergency Management Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the Emergency Management Budget is \$13,000; the same amount as last year.

DPW Water Division Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the DPW Water Division Budget is \$1,677,267; an increase of roughly \$30,000 over last year. The increase is attributable to Energy and Utility, Repairs and Maintenance as well as debt service costs.

DPW Sewer Division Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the DPW Sewer Division Budget is \$2,313,251 an increase of roughly \$90,000 over last year. The increase is attributable to Energy and Utility, Repairs and Maintenance, debt service costs as well as MWPAT Administration.

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DPW General Fund Budget

The following proposed / Draft budget information was presented to the Finance Committee:

The total proposed budget for the DPW General Fund is \$1,178,095 an increase of roughly \$70,000 over last year. The increase is attributable to \$29,000 for personnel, \$16,000 for expenses and \$25,000 for snow and ice.

A Capital Item was discussed relating to leaf pickup. Roughly \$55,000 is being proposed via raising and appropriating the monies to purchase a 10 cubic yard rear load Wayne Royal GT Series Rubbish Packer Installed on a Swaploader SL2418 Skid. The unit will be attached to one of the large dump trucks and used during the fall season for leaf pickup. This should save some time and will be safer than the current pick up option.

A Capital Item was also discussed relating to the proposed purchase of a Prinoth / Bombardier for snow removal. Roughly \$139,100 is being proposed to purchase a Bombardier snow type tractor with rubber tracks. The unit will be used mainly on sidewalks throughout town.

FY 18 Budget Requests

A motion to approve the proposed FY 2018 Omnibus Budget Request Article in an amount not to exceed \$41,809,025 was made by Chris Pilla, seconded by Lisa Ferguson and unanimously approved.

Future Finance Committee Meetings

The next Finance Committee Meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:00PM .

Adjournment

Since no further business was to be transacted, a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM was made by Chris Thompson, seconded by Jim Barron and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



James P. Barron

Clerk

Town of Northbridge Finance Committee