



CARVER FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2020 MEETING

Present: Alan Germain; Chairman, Kathryn Bandzul; Vice Chairman, Members: George Callahan, Patrick Meagher, Bill Duggan, Elizabeth Sulger, Kevin Sullivan, Marie Zweigman, Adam Holmes, Michael Milanoski, Town Administrator and Recording Secretary Marianne MacLeod.

Absent: Patrick Kenneally.

Resigned: Steve Pratt.

Chairman Germain opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting will be recorded by Area 58.

Town Administrator update:

Mr. Milanoski shared his thoughts about the three Departments presenting tonight.

At the next meeting on February 10th, Mr. Milanoski will let Mr. Germain know which group will present at this meeting and the next one on February 24th.

Budget presentation from Public Safety. Police, Fire, EMS.

EMS:

Tom Walsh presented his report on the EMS. Deputy EMS Chief, Mike Ryan also gave a report of the Department and an overview.

Two Advanced Life Support Ambulances are in the Department. There are 49 trained personnel – 26 EMT's and 23 paramedics.

Receipts for FY2019 (June 3, 2019) are \$819,055.79. Expenditures totaled \$692,163.79. The Department responded to 1,536 calls in FY 2019 and transported 1,173 patients.

Budget FY 2021= level services with 1 paramedic and 1-2 EMTs on duty 24/365. Budget request includes 7% increase for personnel raises and in anticipation of increased call volume. This includes the 3% cost of living. There is a 7% increase in the operating account as well. This budget is 0 (zero) cost to the town.

Mr. Germain thanked both gentlemen for their reports.

Fire Department:

Deputy Germaine and Assistant Deputy Jesse Boyle presented before the Meeting. The Chief had a family engagement that needs his attendance and he apologizes for not being here. They gave an overview of the Department. They handed out a booklet and reviewed the information therein.

The ISO Classification went from an '8' to a '2Y' and they're in the top 4% of Departments in the U.S. At the request of Mr. Duggan, Mr. Germaine explained the process for this classification in detail.

Five new Firefighter candidates are on board now. Recruit training starts this weekend, in-house, by staff from the Department.

There is a new radio project being worked on throughout all the Departments and in the schools. This will replace a 25-year old system.

They received a grant award of almost \$100,000 and Deputy Germaine shared the details of the grant.

Deputy Germaine also informed the Committee that the brand new PPE gear was purchased for all members of the Department.

Deputy Germaine reviewed the items in the Capital Outlay requests.

Deputy Germaine then reviewed the Budget of the Department with an increase of 3.19%. The operating budget is down .06%.

Chairman Germain thanked them both for coming before the Committee.

Police:

Chief Dumphily and Sargent Sarmiento came before the Committee to review their budget. In 2019 there were 17,913 calls for service; up from last year by 1000 calls or 49 calls per day, They do that with 16 full-time officers, 4 dispatchers, 1 PT Clerk, 1 PT Police Officer, and 4 Special Police Officers

The department deals with domestic violence, drug problems, vehicle accidents, vehicle stops, There were over 900 record requests. They go to almost every ambulance call. He reviewed events that the department held throughout the year.

They continue taking advantage of available grants. This year's budget is level-funded .

The budget increase from 2020 will be \$84,452.65.

Total requested budget for the department is \$2,370,501.90.

If approved at Town Meeting there will be the new position of Deputy Chief, which has already been approved by the union.

Chief Duphily also mentioned the schools and the SRO. Every officer has time in the school the SRO is not at so both schools are covered. This gives every member of the department the layout of the school and an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the school employees.

The members praised the programs sponsored by the department like the toy program at Christmas, and Carver Night Out to name a few.

Mr. Germain thanked them for coming before the Committee.

Read and approve minutes of 01-06-2020 meeting.

It was noted that #6 under Community Living – spelling correction to SAIL; Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Mr. Callahan, voted and passed unanimously 9-0-0.

Committee member comments.

Ms. Bandzul shared that she and Ms. Sulger attended a workshop at MMA Annual Meeting. Ms. Sulger attended a finance workshop. She enjoyed the workshop. They will both bring their notes to the next meeting.

Mr. Germain announced that Steve Pratt has stepped down from the Finance Committee. He is planning on moving out of town. There will be an opening on the Committee.

Mr. Germain will add to the agenda to review the Grant program, specifically the dates applications are due. There are two new applications for grants that have already been submitted.

Next meeting dates are February 10th, and then the 24th.

Ms. Bandzul made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Duggan, voted and passed unanimously 9-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne MacLeod
Recording Secretary