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Bridgewater Finance Committee (Fin Com)
Agenda for the Fin Com Meeting Convening on 2.24.2020 at 7:00PM

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Call to Order at 7:00PM

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2.10.2020

New Business

- Order O-FY20-046: Road and Drainage Betterments - First Street
- Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance - Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004 Administration & Fiduciary Oversight of Budget - Ambulance Receipts

Discussion

- Discussion of 5 Revenue Funds with Fund Owners
- Discussion of Enterprise Funds
- Understand RE taxes and where the money comes from
- Review school budgets, enrollment, needs, etc.

Adjournment of Meeting

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Bridgewater Finance Committee (FinCom) Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on February 10th, 2020

Meeting called to order as formal session by Eric Langone (Chairman of the Committee) in accordance with rules governing meetings and quorum filled. Meeting starts at 7:00PM.

Committee Members Present: – Eric Langone, William Wood, Nathan Schofield, Lea Wyatt, Julie Scleparis, Suzi Robinson

Committee Members Not Present: George Haley, Robert Rees, Kathleen Blais

Public Officials in Attendance: Anthony Sulmonte – Finance Director, Laurie Guerrini – Finance Department

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Public Comment – No public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 1/27/2020

The meeting minutes from 1/27/2020 were approved unanimously.

New Business

Order O-FY20-046: Road and Drainage Betterments – First Street

The committee and the Finance Director discussed the purpose of the order and were informed that the it is tied to the betterment for the property owners on First Street. The Finance Director wanted to get this in front of the FinCom asap, but a vote was not time sensitive so the committee will hold off until drawings are completed and presented.

A motion to vote on the order after further discussion and drawings are presented was passed unanimously.

Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance – Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004

Discussion centered around what was being rescinded (\$1M Ambulance Fund Guidance, change requiring 2/3rds council vote). After a long conversation on history and next steps it was decided the Fin Com should recommend a policy to guide Ambulance Fund Revenues prior to rescinding the ordinance. The Finance Director will send sample policies to the committee. The committee will look to rescind with additional guidance in time for 2021 budget.

A motion to vote on the ordinance after further discussion was passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the Ambulance Fund Receipts and where the Town of Bridgewater stands to date.

The committee reviewed and discussed Transfer Station receipts and 2021 plan.

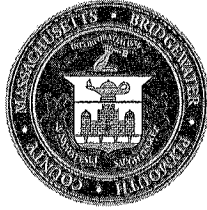
With all business having had formal consideration, the motion is made to adjourn: *The motion to adjourn the current meeting is offered. By unanimous approval of the Committee, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:35PM. The next meeting will be on February 24th, 2020.*

Meeting is hereby adjourned by unanimous consensus of the members in attendance in accordance with rules governing meetings. Meeting adjourns at 8:35PM.

I hereby affix my hand to this document that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate to the best of my ability, note-taking, and penmanship as so ordered by the Chair of the Committee this 10th Day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty.

A True Copy Attest,

Joshua McGraw, Staff Assistant of the Committee



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-046

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 4, 2020
First Reading: February 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-046

ROAD AND DRAINAGE BETTERMENTS - FIRST STREET

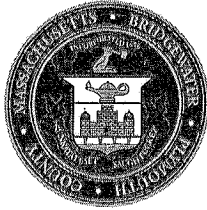
ORDERED, in accordance with Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Town Code, that the Town Council assembled vote to adopt the attached Order of Estimate For Betterment of First Street, attached Plan and Exhibit A.

Explanation:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 260, Article XVI, the Town Council in Order for the Town to assess a betterment relative to the First Street Project, the Town Council must vote to adopt an Order that specifically includes: (1) a description of the area involved that is sufficiently accurate for identification; (2) refers to a plan (on record or to be recorded) of the area affected; and (3) estimates the betterments that will be assessed on each parcel of land within the area. If approved by the Town Council, said Order, Plan and Exhibit A must be recorded with the applicable Registry of Deeds within ninety (90) days.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY20-008

Introduced By: Councilor Timothy Fitzgibbons

Date Introduced: February 4, 2020

First Reading: February 4, 2020

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY20-008

GENERAL ORDINANCE - RESCIND ORDINANCE D-2012-004 ADMINISTRATION & FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF BUDGET - AMBULANCE RECEIPTS

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to rescind General Ordinance D-2012-004, Administration and Fiduciary Oversight of Budget – Ambulance Receipts.

Explanation: When Ordinance D-2012-004 was adopted by the Council it attempted to create an "ambulance reserve" out of which money could be transferred to the General Fund to offset the expenses of running an ambulance service, and it generally limited that amount to \$1 million. Unfortunately, the Town's Auditors have suggested that the fund was not created properly. Now, with proper budgeting practices and annual budget resolutions which better reflect and understand the nature of the ambulance business, the ordinance is not necessary. Consistently the Council has voted to override the Ordinance's restrictions, and the Budget and Finance Committee has consistently recommended to the Finance Director and the Town Manager that the Ordinance should be rescinded.

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