Call to Order at 7:00PM

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2.24.2020

New Business

Order O-FY20-047: CPC Transfer - Legion Field Fencing

Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance - Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004 Administration & Fiduciary Oversight of Budget - Ambulance Receipts

Discussion

Discussion of Enterprise Funds with Fund Owners

Discussion of Capital Plan

Understand RE taxes and where the money comes from

Review school budgets, enrollment, needs, etc.

Sewer Treatment Budget and Forecast

Adjournment of Meeting
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 7:02PM.

Committee Members Present:  Eric Langone, Kathleen Blais, William Wood, Robert Rees, Suzi Robinson

Committee Members Not Present: George Haley, Nathan Schofield, Julie Sclerus, Lea Wyatt

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

Public Comment – No public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 2.10.2020

Bob Rees motioned to approve the meetings minutes from 2/10/2020, William Wood seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

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

Anthony Sulmonte distributed the original ordinance, follow-up order and the final order to the committee for review and discussion of Order O-FY20-046.

Kathleen motioned to recommend Order O-FY20-046, William Wood seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance - Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004 Administration & Fiduciary Oversight of Budget - Ambulance Receipts

Anthony Sulmonte provided three policy examples for the committee to review per the request from the prior meeting. The committee will look to review these examples and discuss and vote on the ordinance at the next meeting of the FinCom.

William Wood motioned to continue discussion on Ordinance-FY20-008 and hold on a vote until the next meeting, Kathleen Blais seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
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. 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 7:49PM.

A True Copy Attest,

Joshua McGraw, Staff Assistant of the Committee
Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-047

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 25, 2020
First Reading: February 25, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-047

CPC TRANSFER - LEGION FIELD FENCING

WHEREAS: A proposal to install new backstop and dugout fencing and replace additional fencing that has become a safety hazard at the Hayes & Lazaro field located at the Legion Field Complex has been submitted and recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

ORDERED, pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council vote to appropriate as required by Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 44B, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of $27,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fund (Undesignated Fund Balance) to the General Capital Fund to Account #: 10630220-584000 CPC Legion Field Fencing; and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or relative thereto to complete this project.

Explanation: The Bridgewater Parks and Recreation Commission applied to CPC for funding the fencing for the recently rebuilt new dugouts. Both the Master Plan and Open Space Plan state the need to rehabilitate aging municipal outdoor municipal recreation facilities. The Parks and Recreation Department continues to work closely with Bridgewater Little League and other organizations to make the overall cost as little as possible to the Town in their continuous improvements to this Legion Field Sports Complex. This project is on the Capital Plan, but due to the urgency to complete the fencing before 4/1/2020, and that the practices and upcoming season can begin with no safety concerns, this order is brought forth.

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NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY.
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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