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Bridgewater Finance Committee (Fin Com)

Agenda for the Fin Com Meeting Convening on 2.10.2020 at 7:00PM

66 Central Square - Municipal Office Building Bridgewater, MA 02324

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 1.27.2020

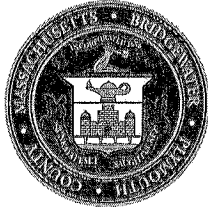
New Business

- 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
- Draw up process to review financial documents
- Review school budgets, enrollment, needs, etc.
- Discuss Transfer Station
- Discuss Ambulance Receipts

Adjournment of Meeting



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, June 5, 2012

Council Ordinance: D-2012-004

Introduced By:	Councilor Michael Demos
Date Introduced:	February 15, 2012
Second Reading:	March 29, 2012
Third Reading:	June 5, 2012
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	June 5, 2012
Date Effective:	July 6, 2012

Ordinance #D-2012-004

ADMINISTRATION AND FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF THE BUDGET: AMBULANCE RECEIPTS/AMBULANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

PREAMBLE:

Ordinance #2011-010 was presented in Town Council for action on December 20, 2011. A roll call vote was taken and the measure failed by a vote of 4-3 with Councilors Colombotos, Pitta and Wood in the minority and Councilors Fitzgibbons and Callahan absent. At the conclusion of the roll call, the President incorrectly declared the measure passed.

Pursuant to Section XIX – “Resubmission” of the Town Council Rules and Procedures
“When any measure has been finally rejected by the Council, no motion embodying substantially the same subject shall be presented to the Council within six months of its previous writing for resubmission, except as otherwise provided in the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and unless approved by a majority (5) of the full Council. ”

ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled, vote to establish a procedure for the Administration and Fiduciary Oversight of the Budget.

Whereas, the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, Section 6-5 states, “The Town Council shall provide by ordinance the procedures for administration and fiduciary oversight of the budget.”

Be It Ordained by the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Bridgewater that:

An aggregate appropriation in any given fiscal year to be applied for operating expenses (e.g. salaries and general expenses) from ambulance receipts and/or ambulance reserve account shall not exceed \$1 million dollars. However, the Town Council with a 2/3 vote of the entire Town Council may exceed \$1 million dollar limit in any given fiscal year. (Note: an appropriation in any given fiscal year from ambulance receipts and/or ambulance reserve account for fire apparatus (e.g. procurement of ambulances, fire truck) is exempt from this \$1 million dollar ceiling.)

Explanation: The remaining balance of the prison mitigation fund continues to dwindle. This measure going forward will better assist the town to adequately plan for expected upgrades for fire apparatus.

ROLL CALL VOTE: PASSAGE REQUIRES AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MAJORITY OF FULL COUNCIL (5)

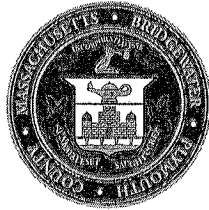
Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measure referred to Finance Committee 2/16/12• This measure was on the 3/6/12 & 3/20/12 agendas for amendment consideration, but not taken up.• This measure requires publication pending any Council amendments voted at 3/29/12 meeting.• 5/1/12: Measure postponed to 5/8/12• 5/8/12: Measure postponed.• 5/17/12: Measure postponed to 6/5/12• This measure has been duly advertised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vote 5-1 Tabled

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, to approve the aforementioned Ordinance by a roll call vote (7-2) (Councilors Fitzgibbons and Wood in the minority).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



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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