



Town of Rowe
Finance Committee Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2022–6:00 p.m.
Rowe Town Hall – Hearing Room 1

Finance Committee: Chair Dan Pallotta, Loretta Dionne, C. Selmi Hyytinen (via remote)
Absent: Wayne Zavotka
Board of Selectmen:
Present: Executive Secretary Janice Boudreau
Via Remote Participation: Treasurer Terry I Green, Accountant Dave Fierro

Call to Order: Wayne Zavotka called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

Roll Call Vote: Loretta Dionne – yes W. Zavoka - Absent
Dan Pallotta – C. Selmi Hyytinen – yes
1 Vacant Position

Accountant:

Requested a 3% salary increase which would be split 60-40% split with the Town of Monroe. Shared Services Agreement needs review and possible updating. The Agreement includes benefits that are shared as well.

Treasurer/Tax Collector:

Treasurer Terry I. Green explained her request for an increase in salary was due to increase in workload and hours. She is working 40 hours and getting paid for 26 hours. Legal fees increase because property in tax arrears and tax takings have not been done for a very long time. There are some corrections that need to be made due to errors.

She explained she is taking classes to stay increase her knowledge.

Legal expense was discussed as she requested \$10,000.00 to pursue tax takings and clean up issues.

It was discussed that in town bylaws that other boards can hire than own legal counsel. Chair Pallotta was concerned about the policy regarding using legal counsel.

General Government:

Executive Secretary presented the General Government budget. There were no major changes except for the salary increase of the Executive Secretary position which she explained was reviewed by the Board of Selectmen as they have increased job responsibilities and she puts in over 32 hours of time on a regular basis.

Other Topic:

Selectmen Chair Sokol discussed the Police budget and wages, and that when he met with the Police Chief he indicated that, if the Dept. wants 2 cruisers, they need to advocate for why and determine costs as it was made clear that if expenses to the cruiser increase that it needs to be retired. C. Selmi Hyytinen offered that there needs to be a definition for what a major repair no definition for the cruiser.

Adjournment:

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Chair Pallotta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. The motion was seconded by Wayne Zavotka.

Roll Call Vote: Wayne Zavotka – yes
Dan Pallotta – yes
1 Vacant Position

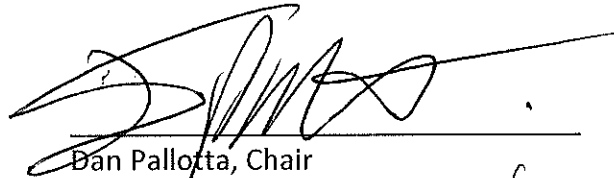
Loretta Dionne – yes
C. Selmi Hyytinen – yes

Respectfully Submitted,

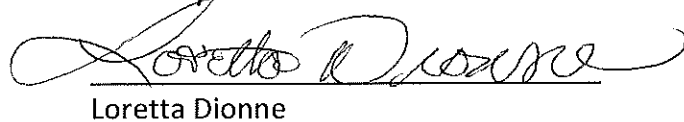
Janice Boudreau, Executive Secretary

Approval Date:

Approved:



Dan Pallotta, Chair



Loretta Dionne



Wayne Zavotka

C. Selmi Hyytinen

Documents:

1. Agenda February 15, 2022
2. FY23 Budget Request Tax Collector
3. FY23 Budget Request Treasurer
4. FY23 Budget Request General Government
5. FY23 Draft Budget Worksheet