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4/15/2025 - Minutes

I. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilor Donovan called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and lead the Committee and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present:

Dan Donovan

Craig Cameron

John Costello

Pat St. Pierre

John Donohue

Kathleen Prescott

Members Absent:

John Simmons

Staff Present:

Town Manager Michael Borg

Assistant Town Manager Antonio Morabito

Town Council Clerk, Kerrin Billinghoff

Assistant Assessor Cheryl Smith

Town Accountant Linda Catanzariti

Treasurer/Collector Chris Sweet

Human Resource Director Cheryl Butts

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Human Resources Confidential Assistant Joclyn Pfefferle

North TV Director Peter Gay

Residents:

Laura Wagner

Invited Guests Present:

None at this time.

Documents Reviewed:

- Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes 04.07.2025
- FY26 MUNIS Sheets for Miscellaneous Budget Items to be reviewed
- FY26 Final Budget Presentation
- Revenue Projections Update Spreadsheet FY2026-03.31.2025
- Expense Preliminary Projection Spreadsheet FY2026-General Fund-04.14.2025
- Letter from Tri-County dated March 27, 2025
- NAPHG Trust Fund Handout

II. Approval Of Minutes

- a. Minutes of April 7, 2025

Approval of Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of April 7, 2025

Councilor St. Pierre made a motion to approve the Finance Sub-Committee Minutes of April 7, 2025.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0-1.

III. Resident And Community Comment

None at this time.

IV. Old Business

None at this time.

V. New Business

a. FY26 Budget Items

Town Manager Borg reviewed the Revenue Projections Update Spreadsheet FY2026-03.31.2025 and the Expense Preliminary Projection Spreadsheet FY2026-General Fund-04.14.2025 in their entirety line by line.

Total Tax Levy	\$74,470,749
Total State Aid	\$26,188,351
Total Estimated Local Receipts	\$9,298,964
Total Enterprise Transfers	\$807,257
Total Trans from Available Funds	\$2,137,035
Total Pilots	\$396,598
Grand Total Revenue	\$113,298,954

There were discussions that included:

- Local Receipts- Opportunity Fund from NAED
- Revenue vs. Expenses
- Donations- Animal Shelter Donations
- Have all Revenues been netted?
- Enterprise Indirects (Sewer, Solid Waste, & Water)
- Unemployment

Town Manager Borg reviewed Miscellaneous FY26 Budget Items below and referred to their respective MUNIS sheets:

1. Revenue Discussion (above)
2. Unemployment (913)
3. Health Insurance (914)

Human Resources Director Dr. Cheryl Butts and Human Resources Confidential Assistant Joclyn Pfefferle were both in attendance to answer questions that the Committee may have had regarding Health Insurance.

There was a lengthy discussion on Health Insurance as the rates continue to rise.

Discussions included:

- 75% Town -25% Employees Contribution Share
- Premium to Client ratio
- The rise of insurance has become a huge problem for all Municipalities
- Bids are out for Stop Loss Insurance
- NA is teamed up with Plainville. Currently 800 members.
- Are other Municipalities doing Self Insured as well?
- Currently owe \$1.8MM

4. Life Insurance (915)
5. Reserve Funds (132)
6. **Auditing Services**
7. Interest on Abatement (147)
8. Town Attorney (151)
9. Tax Title Foreclosures (158)

The Treasurer/Collector Mr. Chris Sweet was in attendance to answer questions that the Committee may have had regarding Tax Title Foreclosures.

- 10Weights & Measures (246)
- 11Bristol County Agricultural School
- 12Tri-County (391)
- 13Snow & Ice (423)
- 14Streetlights (424)
- 15Historical Commission (691)
- 16Interest on Short Term Debt (752)

The Treasurer/Collector Mr. Chris Sweet was in attendance to review Interest on Short Term Debt with the Committee. He explained that we may need Short Term Debt if the new High School Debt Exclusion passes.

- 17County Assessment (830)
- 18Retirement & Pension (911)

8 Increase for the next 8 Years

- 19Medicare (916)

The Treasurer/Collector Mr. Sweet was in attendance to review Medicare with the Committee and answer any questions they may have had.

- 20Liability Insurance (945)
- 21Insurance Reserve (946)
- 22Salary Reserve (949)
- 23Overlay for Abatements

The Assistant Assessor was in attendance to review the Overlay for Abatements with the Committee and answer any questions they may have had. She explained that the current balance in the Overlay is \$1.172MM. Ms. Smith also reviewed the definition of New Growth.

- 24Quinquennial Evaluations
- 25Tax Exemptions- Continued to 4/16/2025
- 26OPEB- Continued to 4/16/2025
- 27Verizon (197)
- 28Comcast (199)

North TV Director Peter Gay was in attendance to answer any questions that the Committee may have had for both Verizon and Comcast. Mr. Gay explained that \$10,000.00 is part of the License Agreement with the Town. This amount is preapproved in case of an emergency.

John Donohue made a motion to continue two items, Tax Exemptions & OPEB to the April 16, 2025 Finance Sub-Committee Meeting.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Donovan made a motion to adjourn.

Councilor St. Pierre seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08PM.