



TOWN OF KINGSTON

Finance Committee

26 Evergreen Street

Kingston, MA 02364

January 24, 2024

Minutes

Call to Order

At 6:00pm Carl Pike opened the Finance Committee Meeting in Room 203 at the Kingston Town House. Also present were members Michael Cowett, David Fuller, and Elaine Fiore. Jason Viveiros attended via zoom. Derek Billnitzer and Debra Moran were absent. Town Administrator Keith Hickey was present and Finance Director Carol McCoy attended via zoom.

Public Comments

None

Reserve Fund Request

Discussion was held regarding a \$7324.18 reserve fund transfer request by the Facilities Dept. to repair multiple leaks discovered in the return piping at the steam boiler at the Reed Building. David asked if the 40 hours of labor was for one person or for 2 people at 20 hours each.

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 4-0-0

Other FY25 Departmental Budget Review Assignments and Schedule

Preliminarily established to determine which members would meet with which department heads.



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FY25 Departmental Budget Reviews

Agricultural Commission \$250

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Assessing \$204,417 for personal services + \$26,949 for expenses = \$231,366

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Revaluation \$51,400

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Cooperative Extension Services \$100

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Debt Service \$175,726

Motion: Carl Pike

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Finance Committee \$7578 for personal services + \$550 for expenses = \$8128

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0



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General Operations \$180,000

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Historic Commission \$250

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Legal Services \$165,000

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Liability/Property Insurance \$455,500

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Moderator \$100

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: Carl Pike

Vote: 5-0-0

Renewable Energy \$750,000

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0



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Reserve Fund \$60,000

Motion: Carl Pike

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Sealer Weights & Measures \$9267 for personal services + \$775 for expenses = \$10,042

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Snow & Ice \$85,000 for personal services + \$276,080 for expenses = \$361,080

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Street Lighting \$65,250

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Wage & Personnel Board \$7578

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0

Zoning Board of Appeals \$7578 for personal services + \$450 for expenses = \$8028

Motion: Michael Cowett

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 5-0-0



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To approve the 1/10/24 meeting minutes, as amended

Motion: Carl Pike

Second: David Fuller

Vote: 4-0-1

Member Comments, Questions, and Concerns

Elaine expressed concern with what the State budget will be.

David expressed concern with what the school budgets will be.

Carl is concerned that the plan for pre-school will adversely affect Kingston's share.

Adjourn

At 7:46pm a motion to adjourn was made by Michael Cowett, seconded by David Fuller, and passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting

February 14, 2024 at 6:00pm in room 203 and via zoom