

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Finance Committee on October 5, 2021
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes 9/13/21
5. Review of Town Finances and 2022 Budget Proposal
6. Town-wide garbage service
7. Future meetings
8. Adjourn

Chair Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Committee members Janet Johnson, Andrew Gantman, Gary Kemp, Paul Schwengel, and Karen Studebaker were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell via Zoom.

Kemp moved, Schwengel second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 6-0.

Johnson moved, Kemp second to approve the 9/13/21 minutes as presented. Passed 6-0.

Town Finances and 2022 budget – Kalms reported on the changes made to draft #5 of the 2022 budget. The following were discussed during the review:

- Personnel has made wage recommendations and they are reflected in various lines
- Insurance expenses are still estimated to increase by 20%. No official information yet.
- Line 9, Tech committee – increase by \$3,085.78
- Line 11, Library maint – this is the number from the Library Committee
- Line 22, Retirement – decrease by \$3,085.78
- Line 50, Fire board Levy – this is not official yet
- Line 80, paving – increase funds for Woodcrest and removed Twin Pine Dr. based on conversations with the Village on the project.
- Line 118, Gills Rock park - \$2,000 is playground equipment & \$500 is general expenses
- Line 144, Staffing – this has been split amongst payroll categories for a 5th person.
- Line 168, Capital improvements-library – this is from the Library Commission request
- Line 174, Utility Levy – this is not under the Town levy.

Kemp moved, Johnson second to recommend to the Town Board the 2022 budget proposal as reviewed tonight. Passed 7-0. It was requested that new members are provided an explanation of the budget process upon being appointed to the Finance Committee

Town-wide Garbage Service – Johnson reported that Going Garbage that the funds available from the WWTP settlement and Larson property would be sufficient for the first year of service. The following items were noted during the discussion:

- A public compost site is likely to increase Town disposal costs.
- Commercial and condo-type customers will need additional capacity definitions
- The public will need to be educated prior to implementation.
- This is consistent with the environmental goals of the Town Comprehensive Plan.

Goss moved, Schwengel second to recommend the Town Board move forward with municipal garbage and recycling research and to encumber the Larson property and WWTP settlement funds for this purpose. Passed 6-0 (Gantman abstain).

It was the consensus to consider scheduling a meeting after the first quarter of 2022.

Johnson moved, Goss second to adjourn at 2:58pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 8/29/2022 Finance Committee meeting.