

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Finance Committee on September 12, 2022
(this meeting was correctly posted)

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve Minutes 8/29/22
5. Review of Town Finances and 2023 Budget
6. Future meetings
7. Adjourn

Chair Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Committee members John Lowry, Janet Johnson, Karen Studebaker, Gary Kemp, Andrew Gantman, Dan Watts and Cathy Ward were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, and Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell.

Johnson moved, Ward second to approve the agenda as posted. Passed 8-0.

Goss moved, Gantman second to approve the 10/5/21 minutes as presented. Passed 8-0.

Town Finances and 2023 budget – Kalms reported on the changes made to draft #2 of the 2023 budget. The following were noted during the review:

- Personnel has met and all wage lines have been updated based on their recommendation
- Line 34, increase to 4,500 for Harmari contract
- Line 77, decreased to 565,500 to paving Hillside Drive instead of Old Stage Road
- Line 144, increase to 134,302 based on the current requests. This will be discussed at the 9/26/2022 meeting with non-profit groups having been invited to attend. Lowry noted a maximum for non-profit could be established and Goss indicated her preference would be to keep it as a percent versus a specific dollar amount.
- Line 158, no 2022 expenses because we were not able to order the patrol truck.
- Line 177, increase to 165,000 based on July information received
- Line 202, increase to 64,350 based on Board decision to increase annual permit fee
- Kalms noted net new construction (1.78% in 2022) is involved in the equation which determines the mill rate. The taxes are adjusted by the Town's revenue and expenses. Goss confirmed that the Town-wide broadband will affect the equalized value which will affect the levy at some time in the future. A Town-wide capital plan for the next 5-10 years would be helpful when talking with Baird about bonding.
- Line 208, increase to 1,200 ask Town Board to increase driveway permit fee to \$100

The next Finance Committee meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2022 at 2:30pm and the following will be Monday, October 10, 2022 at 2:30pm (if necessary).

Goss moved, Gantman second to adjourn at 4:08pm. Passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 09/26/2022 Finance Committee meeting.