

TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF FINANCE (BOF)
FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
Franklin, Connecticut
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Handfield called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Calli Carboni, Vice Chairman Veronica Calvert, Chairman Richard Handfield, Melissa McGuire Alden Miner, Richard Weingart. **Alternate Members Present:** Roland Mihok. **Alternate Members Absent:** Jeremy Beisiegel.

Also Present: First Selectman Charlie Grant, Town Selectman Russ Beisiegel, Town Selectman Tom Craney, Town Clerk Lynda Craney, Town Treasurer Patty Osten.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Chairman Handfield recognized visitors.
3. Additions to the Agenda: None.
4. Approval of Minutes:
- a. December 14, 2021

MOTION #1 (01.11.22): made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Richard Weingart that the Board of Finance approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes - as amended

1. Calli Carboni arrived after Election of Officers
2. Roland Mihok arrived after Election of Officers

VOICE VOTE:

UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

5. Review of Reports:

- a. **Monthly Tax Collection Report:** Kelsey Allard reported on the following:

December 21, 2021: \$458,037.31 Taxes Collected to date

- 65.87% 2020 Grand List Taxes Collected
- 58,916.22 Prior Year Taxes Collected
- 25,027.38 Interest & Lien Fees Collected

- b. **Monthly Board of Selectmen Income & Expense Report:** Charlie Grant reported:

INCOME: State Education Support funds have not been received. Expecting 25% to come in soon.

EXPENSE: There was discussion about First Selectman Health Insurance costs and itemization of chosen coverage.

- c. **Monthly Board of Education (BOE) Report:** There were no persons present to represent BOE.

There was review of the BOE Expenditures Report July through December as submitted.

There was review of various line items, including but not limited to, salary of aides, un-employment costs, legal fees (300% over), and capital outlay costs (current \$54,000 spent with \$30,000 budgeted). It was noted, these line items are continuously going over budget by a considerable amount. BOF would like an explanation of why this continues to happen.

BOF would like BOE to answer the question of why above noted line items are considerably high considering the Town is only ½ way through the year.

BOF would like BOE to answer the question of why the Special Education Director's salary is approximately \$60,000 a year and BOE continues to pay a lawyer to manage special education issues at a considerable cost to residents.

d. Monthly Selectman's Report:

WINTER PREPARATIONS: : This season is proving challenging due to large amounts of snow and the timing of storms. Salt has been purchased and stocked. Trucks have needed maintenance, been repaired, and are ready to go.

FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY AIR QUALITY: The Town continues to work with Green Valley School on resolving Franklin Elementary School Air Quality. Issues with the mechanical rooms and de-humidifying are being worked out and there may be improvements to parts of the building to reduce moisture.

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business:

a. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Line-Item Transfers:

MOTION #2 (01.11.22): made by Calli Carboni SECONDED BY Richard Weingart that the Board of Finance approve FY 20-212 Line- Item Transfers as submitted

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

b. FY 2022-2023 BOF Budget:

MOTION #3 (01.11.22): made by Veronica Calvert SECONDED BY Richard Weingart that the Board of Finance approve FY 22-23 BOF Budget:

0200.10	Annual Town Report	50.00
0200.20	Advertising/Auditing/Misc	33,000.00
0200-30	Contingency Fund	50.00
0200.50	Inventory Management	50.00

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

8. Public Comments: None

9. Adjournment:

MOTION #4 (01.11.22): made by Calli Carboni SECONDED BY Melissa McGuire that the Board of Finance adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Pollard
Board Secretary