

**Fincom Minutes**  
**Meeting in-person at 18 Jacobs Rd**  
**14 April, 2022**

Present: Tom Lively, Ned Wolf, Alice Wozniak, Will Emmet, Bob McGahan  
Visitors: None

Tom called meeting to order at 6:40 PM

1. Article 3 spreadsheet:
  - a. Item 5-town coordinator's salary increase discussion. COLA does not apply in this instance (as well as treasurer, highway superintendent, mechanic-driver). **Will made a motion to recommend increase in town coordinator's salary, Alice seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**
  - b. Item 19-legal fees discussion. A portion of the overage is due to the Belor Rd cannabis operation. In future, legal fees will be escrowed during the permitting process. **Alice made a motion to recommend reducing budget amount from 30k to 20k. Will seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**
  - c. Item 30-boards clerk position discussion. **Alice made a motion recommending reducing weekly hours from 10 to 8. Will seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**
  - d. Item 32-broadband manager's salary discussion. Salary should phase out as network is completed. Manager should not overspend without prior authorization. No vote taken.
  - e. Item 37: 18 Jacobs Rd maintenance discussion. What is the actual maintenance cost for FY22? What is the expected income from rental to Hilltown Recovery Theatre? Budget line shows a round number of 40k. No vote taken.
  - f. Item 55-Tree removal discussion. Why is tree removal a separate line item?
  - g. Item 76-Town nurse salary discussion. Do we really need a town nurse? Can the hours be reduced? What are other towns doing?
  - h. Items 91, 92 (truck notes)-should we remove notes that are paid off?
  - i. Items 95, 96-should we pay these off this year?
2. MTRSD assessment discussion:
  - a. We discussed the MTRSD assessment and transparency during the process. Ned pointed out that there have been opportunities to attend MTRSD budget meetings. **Alice made a motion expressing a lack of confidence in the assessment. Will seconded. Motion carried with Will, Alice and Bob voting in favor, Ned opposed and Tom abstaining.**
3. Free cash discussion:
  - a. We discussed where free cash could be allocated. Do we pay off equipment notes? Do we pay off the safety complex land on Bray Rd? How about stabilization funding?

b. We made a list of items to recommend:

- i. Legal fees: 20k
- ii. Audit stabilization: 5k
- iii. IT stabilization: 5k
- iv. Accountant stabilization: 7k
- v. Vehicle purchase stabilization: 80k
- vi. Pay off safety complex land: 22k
- vii. Library payout: 4.336k
- viii. Highway retirement payout: 6.8k
- ix. New snow plow: 7.7k

For a total of: 157.836k

**Will made a motion to recommend this allocation. Bob seconded. Motion carried 5-0.**

- 4. Next meeting will be with the select board on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Will made a motion to adjourn. Ned seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

William Emmet