

Minutes
Heath Finance Committee Meeting
6 April, 2021

Present: Ned Wolf, Ken Gilbert, Will Emmet, Jan Carr (all via Zoom)
Missing: Alice Wozniak (see note)

Ned called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM

Item 1: Minutes from Fincom meeting of 3-30-2021 via Ken Gilbert

Jan made a motion to accept as read. Will seconded. Vote to accept 4-0.

Item 2: Salaries and COLA's

With minimum wage adjustment and a 2% COLA, there would be a corresponding budget increase of \$11.4k. Specifically, the minimum wage would be increased from 13.50/hr to 14.25/hr (0.56%). Adding that to the COLA of 2% would result in a total increase of 2.56%.

Ken pointed out that the COLA for Social Security is 1.3% and that a 2% town employee COLA increase places an unfair burden on senior citizens dependent on Social Security. He proposed a COLA of 1.5% along with the minimum wage adjustment of 0.56%, resulting in an overall wage increase of 2.06%.

Will made a motion to accept Ken's proposal. Ken seconded, Vote to accept 4-0.

Item 3: FY22 Budget Discussion

North East IT budgeted 9500.00 Line 42 should be updated to 10,040.00 (per Hilma).

There is a state grant to help with connecting municipal buildings.

Line 47 (street lights) should not be part of Sawyer Hall maintenance/utilities (Jan).

Regarding 18 Jacobs Rd:

- a. Line 49 Maintenance (500.00).
- b. Total costs for maintenance and utilities for FY to date (8-1/2 months) are 31382.50.
- c. There is approx. 5k in the revolving account. Approximately 10k will be needed for the remaining FY (3-1/2 months).
- d. There is approx. 21k remaining in the Mohawk Regional School District close-out fund.

- e. This would leave 10-12k remaining in the MRSD close-out fund for the next fiscal year.
- f. There was discussion of an insurance shortfall next year due to a credit for the current FY.

Motion made by Jan, seconded by Ned to adjourn to join Select board meeting, Vote to adjourn: 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,

William T. Emmet