

## Town Of Ayer Finance Committee

## February 28, 2018 1900 HRS Ayer Town Hall

Members Present: Scott Houde ,Chairman; Patrick Diamond, Co- Chairman; Christopher Prehl, Member.

Meeting called to order at 1900 Hrs.

Mew Business:

A: FY 2019 Budget

1: Police Department Budget- Chief William Murray

Explanation of his "Bottom Line Budget"

Increase in Prisoner Watch funding

Regional Dispatch Update and personal and Grant funding to operate the Regional Dispatch Center.

Admin Sergeant Position discussion. Position was taken out of original budget \*\$8,200.00 due to funding. After discussion Motion was made by Prehl to fund the position. Motion second by Diamond and vote taken with a result of 3-0 to fund position.

2: Town Administration Budget- Town Administrator Robert Pomtriband.

A; Pontriband requested to speak to board at our 3/28 meeting about Government Reorganization.

Pontriband asked for a Reserve Fund Transfer: Reserve fund Transfer for the about of \$70,000.00 for Legal Services. Motion made by Diamond, Second by Prehl. Vote taken 3-0 in favor of transfer.

Pontriband explained the increase in Legal fees with some code enforcement, some eminent domain takings, Street Acceptances, Health Insurance and Labor Issues , Some union contracts up for negotiation, and a wrongful death suit filed against the town for a Sandy Pond Drowning incident.

B: Budget Updates by Houde and budget model explained

Old Business: None

Mail: Letter from ASRSD asking for support on Fair Share Amendment . No action taken.

Committee Updates: None

Upcoming schedule: March 14 meeting may be postponed due to no business at this time. March 28 Library and Town Government Reorganization.

Round Table; Mary Spinner had questions about ASRSD Field and School building assessment

Motion to Adjourn at 2016 Hrs by Diamond Second By Prehl, unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Christopher N. Prehl

Scott Houde

Patrick Diamond

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