

**TOWN OF SOUTHWICK
FINANCE COMMITTEE
Minutes
February 28, 2023
Hybrid**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Deedy, Chairman
Aleda DeMaria, Vice Chair
Karen Demaio
Paul Connolly
Robert Horacek
Dr. Richard Zalowski
David Methe

ASSOCIATE MEMBER: Sheri Knowlton

OTHER: Laura Fletcher, Town Accountant
Melissa Bridges, Assistant Town Accountant
Elizabeth Smolen, Secretary

Due to inclement weather, Town Hall was closed. Public participation was limited to zoom only.

The meeting was being recorded.

The Finance Committee was called to order at 5:29 p.m.

Attendance Roll Call: **J. Deedy: Yes, A. DeMaria: Absent, K. Demaio: Yes, P. Connolly: Yes, R. Horacek: Technical Difficulties, R. Zalowski: Yes, D. Methe: Yes, S. Knowlton: Yes**

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

A MOTION was made P. Connolly, seconded by K. Demaio (Vote: 6/0/0) to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023. **J. Deedy: Yes, A. DeMaria: Absent, K. Demaio: Yes, P. Connolly: Yes, R. Horacek: Technical Difficulties, R. Zalowski: Yes, D. Methe: Yes, S. Knowlton: Yes**

Agenda:

There are two Budget Hearings, the first is March 11, 2023 and the second is March 25, 2023. Both meetings will begin at 8 a.m.

The Finance Committee will meet March 25, 2023 following the Budget Hearing.

The Finance Committee will meet March 28, 2023 and April 4, 2023 to review the information from the Budget Hearings.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Reserve Fund Transfer: The committee discussed the Reserve Fund Transfers listed in the below Reserve Fund Transfers requests.

A request was made for \$10,000.00 for Legal Advertisements due to an increase of notices for public hearings and for employment advertisements.

A MOTION was made by R. Zalowski, seconded by K. Demaio (Vote: 6/0/0) to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$10,000.00 for Legal Advertisements. **J. Deedy: Yes, A. DeMaria: Absent, K. Demaio: Yes, P. Connolly: Yes, R. Horacek: Technical Difficulties, R. Zalowski: Yes, D. Methe: Yes, S. Knowlton: Yes**

A request was made for \$10,000.00 for Street Lighting for decorative lights installation and repairs.

A MOTION was made R. Zalowski, seconded by K. Demaio (Vote: 6/0/0) to approve the request for the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$10,000.00 for Street Lighting. **J. Deedy: Yes, A. DeMaria: Absent, K. Demaio: Yes, P. Connolly: Yes, R. Horacek: Technical Difficulties, R. Zalowski: Yes, D. Methe: Yes, S. Knowlton: Yes**

A MOTION was made by J. Deedy, seconded by P. Connolly (Vote: 6/0/0) to close the meeting. **J. Deedy: Yes, A. DeMaria: Absent, K. Demaio: Yes, P. Connolly: Yes, R. Horacek: Technical Difficulties, R. Zalowski: Yes, D. Methe: Yes, S. Knowlton: Yes**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Elizabeth Smolen, Finance Committee Secretary

J. Deedy, Chairman