



Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
01/27/25

I. Call to Order

PRESENT: Zosack, Marden, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle, Olds

ABSENT:

II. Minutes Approval

1. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Sep 23, 2024 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Thomas Ackerman
AYES:	Zosack, Marden, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle, Olds

2. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Dec 9, 2024 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Thomas Ackerman
AYES:	Zosack, Marden, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle, Olds

3. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 6, 2025 6:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mike Marden
SECONDER:	Thomas Ackerman
AYES:	Zosack, Marden, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle, Olds

III. New Business

A. Survey Discussion

1. Motion for Carol to distribute the new survey to departments

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Thomas Ackerman
SECONDER:	Mike Marden
AYES:	Zosack, Marden, Luoma, Ackerman, Bevilacqua, Tingle, Olds

B. Assessors

Heather Roche, Principal Assessor. Kelleigh Greaney, Assistant Assessor

Increase in Patriot Properties, software increase up \$680. Typically there is a price increase every three years, nothing specific just the cost of doing business. This is separate than MIMAP which is the mapping service.

C. Tax Collector

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Increase \$125 for school, \$30 dues, \$45 business travel based on last year. Has recently increased some of the MLC fees to bring them in line with other towns, and will start accepting credit cards at the counter.

D. Finance Director, Assistant Treasurer Collector

Carol McLeod, Town Administrator

Moved line items around in the expense lines, no increases just adjustments.

E. Town Accountant

Anne Jim, Town Accountant

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Salaries increase of hours for the Assistant Town Accountant of 10.5 hours. It is incredibly difficult to find people in this field, let alone at 19.5 hours part time non-benefited. Surveyed 15 communities, received 9 responses, 6 of those have Assistant's. It is critical for the town to begin to have backup for departments. IT increase in salaries is cola, increase in expenses is contractual. Guilfoil increased 60% for website and PR services.