

Town of Merrimac
Finance Committee Meeting
JANUARY 27, 2020

- I. Call to Order
 - 1. Roll Call
- II. Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the following meeting minutes.

- 1. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Oct 21, 2019 12:00 AM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Zosack
SECONDER:	Andrew Bowie
AYES:	Bowie, Luoma, Donaghue, Kelly, Zosack, Marden, Gustison

- 2. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 7, 2020 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Zosack
SECONDER:	Andrew Bowie
AYES:	Bowie, Luoma, Donaghue, Kelly, Zosack, Marden, Gustison

- 3. Finance Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 13, 2020 7:00 PM

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Marcia Zosack
SECONDER:	Andrew Bowie
AYES:	Bowie, Luoma, Donaghue, Kelly, Zosack, Marden, Gustison

- III. Cemetery

Cemetery, Madeline Thompson-Judkins, Gwen Lay.

Salary- Current stipend is \$2,057, the volume of work to be done to digitize the plots and paperwork. Also asking for a new seasonal position, there was previously a position that was cut due to budget. The position would be a laborer split between Cemetery and Highway.

Expenses- Increase would cover two full days of tree work. Tree work is a serious liability, and was being done regularly. The Town recently went out to bid and its \$2,200 a day. There is a small increase for office supplies, and also a \$100 for fees/dues to the Cemetery.

- IV. Highway

Highway, Tom Barry & Bob Sinibaldi

Salary- One increase is half the laborer position from the cemetery. The union Foreman position has separated from the Superintendent, but when totaled in the budget equal a regular increase.

Expense- Police details have increased, the goal is to send the employees to Flagging class to get their certification. The other increase is for tree work, the contract this year is for a little less money than last year and the machinery has become more efficient. Snow and Ice is the only line allowed to be overspent, we are at about 50%.

- V. Water

Water, Tina Journeay & Bob Sinibaldi

Salary- Also switching to Superintendent instead of Foreman, which takes the position out of the union. The water admin wages look like they are going up but its just a reallocation of funds, splitting the position between water and sewer.

Expense- The Town has received a gift parcel of land adjacent to the Water Plant that can be used in the future for plant upgrades. Water meters are still being replaced, which has allowed our unaccounted for water to be at 9% down from 20%.

VI. Sewer

Sewer, Tina Journeay & Bob Sinibaldi

Salary- No changes.

Expenses- Under special articles the I&I is now its own account, which allows for us to find our areas which we believe water is infiltrating the system and allow us to fund the fixes. For the electricity line item we are actively replacing lights and pumps on the stations, and with the comprehensive study at the plants they will be solar ready and have all energy efficient pumps.

VII. Inspectional Services

Inspectional Services, Alyssa Sexton & Bob Sinibaldi

Salary- Regular increase.

Expense- No changes.

Meeting end 8:32 p.m.