

Beacon Falls Board of Finance

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Special Meeting Minutes

May 09, 2018

(Subject to Revision)

Present: Marc Bronn, Tom Pratt, Stephen Leeper, Jim Carroll,
First Selectmen Chris Bielik
Selectman Mike Krenesky came in at 7:23 PM
Absent: Brian Ploss, Joe Rodorigo, and Selectman Peter Betkoski

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Marc Bronn called the special meeting to order at 7:16P.M.

Bronn: Making suggestions about the Town Finance Job hold off on purchasing a new police vehicle and use the 41,000.00 to offset the budget and then we have a flat budget. Looking at the Capital budget and maybe we have too many items on that.

Bielik: One of the problems with the town, we have a tendency not to look forward and not buy when the time was ready. If we have the one-time revenue we should be financially sound and use that money while we can, there is a 5th police cruiser that is ready to be replaced, it's 10 years old and we have the excess fund balance to do it now. When we have the capital funds to use when it's time to be done, we should use them. This is an election year, both parties show a plus up for additional aide, the legislation should be able to aid us. If we get a quarter of the \$100,000.00 that could clear up most of the problem we are discussing tonight. But it's not a reality right

now. About the finance manager job, I'm very pleased with him for the last 4 years. When we are crafting the budget, it's on the expense side.

Bronn: Told Tom B you've done a great job for the last 4 years. With having a strong support and full-time Finance Assistant it helps to get a finance manager for 20 hours per week.

Carroll: legislation should end tonight.

Broesler: I would not cut the hours of the Finance Manager to save money.

Carroll: reduce the Finance Manager Pay and plan on the state budget and come in with a flat budget.

Bronn; I would find things to cut before I raised taxes. Let's wait until we see what the state is going to do.

Discussion continued

Motion to adjust the Finance Managers Salary from \$81,000.00 to \$60,000.00; Carroll/Pratt; no discussion; all ayes.

Carroll: Question on the assessment of the new properties being built. The dollar amount referenced was \$49,000.00 we would receive?

June Chadderton, Assessor Clerk: There was an error it should have said asses valued not actual dollar value.

Broesler: I went back 5 years we collected 99.95% for five years. Based on the grand list, not including new construction and sales.

The empirical data doesn't support the idea we should increase the budgeted amount of taxes. Prior year taxes are budget in.

Bielik: we have a lot of foreclosures, that tax bill is not being paid. It's money you can't count on.

Bronn: for this new revenue that's coming in there are people that don't pay their taxes.

Motion to set Board of Finance meeting on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 7:00 P.M; Pratt/Leeper; no discussion; all ayes.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting; Bielik/Krenesky; no discussion; all ayes.

2. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn tonight's Board of Finance Special meeting at 8:15 P.M; Pratt/Carroll; no discussion; all ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Smith Overby
Clerk Board of Finance

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