

# Town of Florida Select Board & Finance Committee Joint Meeting

Florida Town Hall  
379 Mohawk Trail  
Drury, MA 01343

April 10, 2024

4:36 pm meeting called to order by Neil Oleson.

Select Board members present: Neil Oleson, Mike Bedini

Select board members absent: Terry I. Green

Finance Committee members present: Lisa Brown, Carlos Pellagrini, Cindy Bosley, Ron Bosley

Others present: Joan Lewis, James White, Vicki Winchell, Mike Gleason (at end of meeting)

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department budget for FY2025 reviewed with the highway superintendent James White. Town Officers/Misc. Employees Supplies and Expenses is requested to be a 2% increase. Cemetery line items were reviewed. Equipment rental is being increased by 11%. Road Maintenance increased 10%. Various projects planned for this account were discussed. Jim submitted to increase Snow, Roads, and Bridges to \$270,485.00 (10%). Deficit spending procedures were reviewed, and the board and finance committee agreed on reducing the request to \$260,000.00. Waste Management is being increased due to transportation costs. A new line item was added for Highway Department Personal Time. The total highway department budget request is \$991,064.00. The selectboard and finance committee were all in agreement on recommending these amounts.

### ACCOUNTING OFFICER SALARY AND SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

Accounting Officer Salary requested to be increased by \$9,400.00 to \$29,400.00 (47%). Melanie's salary is \$15,000 of this appropriation. The remaining increase is to have funding available for Dave Fierro to be paid as a consultant should his services be needed as the financial team moves to new software. Supplies and Expenses increased by \$400.00. All members are in agreement.

### ANIMAL INSPECTOR SALARY

Increased to \$300 for the year. All members are in agreement.

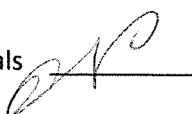
### TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

All accounts level funded except for an increase in the Payroll appropriation due to expense increases. All members are in agreement.

### ASSESSOR ACCOUNTS

Mike Bedini abstained from the discussion. Map maintenance has an increase of 25%. All other Assessor accounts are level funded. All members are in agreement.

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DOG CONTROL OFFICER SUPPLIES

Increased from \$300 in FY24 to \$2000 in FY25 to have funds available should any veterinary services be needed. All members are in agreement.

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS

Supplies & Expenses increased to \$1500.00 in order for the town clerk to purchase storage for the Birth, Marriage and Death certificates. Voter Registration was increased by 7.14% to pay all the same rate. All other accounts remain level funded. All members are in agreement.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT

Costs increased to \$174,570.00. All members are in agreement.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW EQUIPMENT

An increase of \$21,000 is being requested for the purchase of new equipment. This request was submitted before the board discussed at a recent meeting to use ARPA funds to cover those purchases. All members agreed to leave the request as is for now.

HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE

Costs are estimated at \$530,650.00. All members are in agreement.

SELECTMEN ACCOUNTS

All accounts level funded except the clerk salary has an increase of \$200.00 and the supplies and expenses are being increased to \$1000.00. All members are in agreement.

VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

AJ Poirot Memorial increased 2.12%. Berkshire Emergency Comm Center is increased 2.08% due to costs. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission increased 2.47%. Fire Department Supplies & Expenses increased 3.11%,


All members agreed on level funding the following accounts: Auditory Salary, Board of Health Appropriations, McCann Rep Expenses, Planning Board accounts, Police Work & Expenses, School Committee Salary, Town Administrator Salary & Supplies & Expenses, Veterans Services Supplies & Expenses, Building Inspector Supplies & Expenses, Deductible on Town Insurance, Demo of Condemned Property, Dental Insurance, Employment Security & FICA, Emergency Management Coord Supplies & Expenses, Historical Committee Expenses, Interest on Town Notes

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Some accounts had incorrect figures data entered in the spreadsheet. Joan will update the spreadsheet and have it ready for the next joint meeting to be held on April 17, 2024, at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Neil Oleson made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Mike Bedini seconded. Unanimous.

  
Neil Oleson, Chair

  
Michael Bedini

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Terry I. Green

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