

Westhampton Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

1/28/21

Meeting began at 7pm on Zoom.

Attending: Mary Cleary (Chair), Steve Holt, Pat Miller, Sarah Mulvehill, Andy Klyman, Barbara Pelissier, Jeremy Durrin, Tad Weiss, Jake Antosz (Secretary). Also attending, Phil Dowling.

- 1) Accept meeting minutes from 1/21/21. VOTE: 8-0-0
- 2) **Public safety complex discussion:** Alternates were placed in just in case a high bid came in. The project had many bidders indicating a lot of interest in the project.
- 3) Budget: Spent \$238,000 for design and bidding of project already. All but \$69,000.00 of that has been paid. Requested money will be \$4,326,000.00.
- 4) Currently following an 8-month schedule for the building. Fire vehicles and the apparatus on them need to be secured which is why they need to be stored in-doors.
- 5) The Capital Planning sheet has not been fully completed yet.
- 6) **Town meeting:** Potential date of February 27 for special town meeting, backup date of March 6, then ballot vote March 13, 2021. Vote needs to pass 2/3 for the special meeting, and the ballot vote by 50%. Drive up town meeting check in as people drive in and are given a ballot. The vote is for the 1 article. Wireless mic should be available for comments, etc. People with voter lists will collect and check off ballots. Absentee ballot should be available.
- 7) **Ballot question:** All furnishings and everything are included in this number.
- 8) Phil Dowling is putting together a video of why we're doing it, what we're doing, and how much it will cost. Informational flyers will also be sent out.
- 9) Some questions during the discussion: How much will people's taxes will increase? Feasibility study \$5,700,000.00 to bring building up to code and add bays for vehicles to not be housed outside. \$1,500,000.00 to bring building up to code and house possibly several vehicles outside.
- 10) The special town meeting will be to authorize the amount that can be borrowed.
- 11) Accept article for town meeting. VOTE: 8-0-1
- 12) Other matters before the committee: The Finance Committee section in the town report is due Feb. 15, 2021. Tad and Sarah agreed to take that on.
- 13) Next meeting Feb. 4, 2021.
- 14) Vote to adjourn meeting: VOTE: 9-0-0

Respectfully,

Jake Antosz