

Wilbraham Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
DPW Building  
February 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Dan Miles, Walt Damon, John Guzzo, Anna Levine, Todd Luzi, Nancy Piccin,  
Carolyn Brennan

Absent: Mike Mannix,

Also present: Town Accountant Nancy Johnson, DPW Director/Town Engineer Ed Miga,  
Superintendent of Public Works Bill Sperrazza

### **Open Forum**

Ed Miga gave the Finance Committee members an in depth tour of the DPW building. It covered the workings of the Highway, Waste Water and Water Departments.

### **FY2017 Budget**

- Ed Miga started his presentation by reading an article stressing the pressures put upon communities regarding new mandates via new stormwater management requirements.
- The FY2017 submission budget for Highway is \$1,539,825.00. This includes a transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Ground & Building Maintenance line item to the Security line item. In the past they would charge the Maintenance line for hiring Police detail for road work, now the charge will rightfully come out of the Security budget. Also, there is an increase to the Guardrail line item of \$50,000.00, this increase will be offset by a \$50,000.00 decrease in Professional Services in the Engineering Department.
- The FY2017 submission budget for Waste Water is 1,235,226.00. Ed is asking for a new full time employee, the cost of which is not yet reflected in the submission budget. This employee's time/expense will be split evenly between Highway and Waste Water. The new employee would allow the efficient cleaning of both storm water and sewer lines. There are 36 miles of pipeline and 10 pump stations.
- The FY2017 submission budget for Engineering is \$234,990.00. This figure includes the \$50,000.00 decrease in Professional Services.
- The FY2017 submission budget for Solid Waste is \$400,678.00. The reason for the increase in the budget is due to the purchase of a new loader at a cost of approximately \$168,190.00. Of which the \$148,190 balance (less \$20K downpayment) has to be bonded. The budget includes \$22,000.00 for this long term debt.
- The FY2017 submission budget for Water Department is \$2,092,675.00. The water department will see a substantial increase in purchased water from Massachusetts Water Resource Authority. Because of our extremely dry summer, Wilbraham's water consumption increased and will be reflected in our FY17 billing. Also, Mike Framarin, our current Water Superintendent, will be retiring in October 2017, and the budget reflects \$22,000.00 in sick leave buy back.

**Vote Minutes**

We will vote the minutes for the January 27, 2016 and February 1, 2016 at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Debbie Brennan  
Staff Accountant