

**Town of Easton**  
**Board of Finance – Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Location: Virtual meeting using the Zoom app.

**Attendees:** Members: Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Andy Kachele, Michael Kot, Art Laske, Paul Skrtich  
 Alternates: Gregg Saunders, Devon Wible, Tara Gottlieb

**Absentee(s):**

**Guest(s):** Christine Calvert-Finance Director/Treasurer, Dr. David Bindelglass-First Selectman, Bob Lessler-Selectman, Kristi Sogofsky-Selectman

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at: 7:07 pm by: Matt Gachi

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***Appointment of Alternates***

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Action/Motions: None. No appointments were required.

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**Agenda Item 1** ***Discuss and possible action on the 2020/2021 EMS budget***

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Notes: None

Action/Motions: A motion was made to add an agenda item to discuss a possible authorization of up to \$30K for repair or replacement of the backup generator at the EMS building.

Motion (Second): Andy Kachele (Paul Lindoerfer) **Result:** All in favor

Follow Up:

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**Agenda Item 1a** ***Discuss and possible action on the need for repair or replacement of the backup generator at the EMS building.***

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Notes: Attempts to repair the failed generator are continuing but lack of parts has been a problem. A quote of \$29,521 has been obtained from Northeast Generator Co. for a new generator including installation.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to authorize the use of up to \$30,000 of LOCIP funds for repair or replacement of the generator.

Motion (Second): Andy Kachele (Mike Kot) **Result:** All in favor except for Paul Skrtich who was against.

Follow Up:

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**Agenda Item 2** ***Discuss and possible action on the 2020/2021 Town budget***

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Notes: The BOF has been given the authorization to approve a Town budget expenditure amount.

Action/Motions: A motion was made to approve a budget amount of \$44,639,809 to be distributed as voted upon at prior meetings.

Motion (Second): Andy Kachele (Paul Skrtich )  
 Result: FOR: Andy Kachele, Matt Gachi, Paul Skrtich  
 AGAINST: Art Laske, Paul Lindoerfer  
 ABSTAINING: Mike Kot

Follow Up:

Agenda Item 3	<b><i>Discuss and possible action to set the mil rate and decide upon tax collection procedures and any other action deemed necessary for the 2020/2021 fiscal budget year.</i></b>	
Notes:	A lengthy discussion was had on various aspects of setting a mil rate and Unassigned Fund Balance.	
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to set a Collection Rate of 98.5% in our mil rate calculations.	
Motion (Second):	Paul Skrtich (Mike Kot)	
Result:	FOR: Matt Gachi, Paul Skrtich, Paul Lindoerfer, Mike Kot AGAINST: Andy Kachele, Art Laske	
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to set the Mil Rate at 31.00 thus using \$3,125,000 of unassigned funds.	
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Mike Kot)	
Result:	FOR: Matt Gachi, Andy Kachele, Paul Skrtich, Mike Kot AGAINST: Paul Lindoerfer, Art Laske	
Follow Up:		
Agenda Item 4	<b><i>Discuss and act on approval of minutes of May 5, 7, 11 (two meetings) and 14, 2020.</i></b>	
Notes:		
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to approve the subject meeting minutes.	
Motion (Second):	Mike Kot (Andy Kachele)	<b>Result:</b> All in Favor
Follow Up:		
Agenda Item 5	<b><i>Discuss and possible action on the current DPW budget.</i></b>	
Notes:	There are funds in the current budget for annual roadwork for which we typically hire contractors. This year contractors were not available due to the pandemic situation and the state utilization. As a result there are \$200k left unspent. Ed Nagy is asking for a Capital Project Fund be set up for this work so that they can be used next year.	
Action/Motions:	A motion was made to set up a Capital Project Fund for road paving and reconstruction with funding of \$200,000 from DPW.	
Motion (Second):	Andy Kachele (Mike Kot)	<b>Result:</b> All in Favor
Agenda Item 6	<b><i>Treasurer's report</i></b>	
Notes:	The Treasurer presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees.	
Action/Motions:	None	
Agenda Item 7	<b><i>Review and possible action on Munis Financial Report presented by the Finance Director.</i></b>	
Notes:	The Finance Director presented this month's report and answered questions from attendees.	
Action/Motions:	None	

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Agenda Item 8     *Adjournment*

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Action/Motions:     A motion was made to adjourn at 8:59 pm

Motion (Second):     Andy Kachele (Mike Kot)

**Result:**     All in favor.

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoerfer- Clerk