

# TOWN OF BATH FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Regular Meeting

January 2, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman at 4:00pm.
2. ROLL CALL: Susan Webster (X) Greg Schene (A) Mary Lynn Hickey (X) Quorum – Yes  
Also present – Councilwomen MacLeod and Skinner
3. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023 were approved by Common Consent.
4. Clerk's Report –
  - A. Dave O'Connell, in his FC advisory position, previously provided his analysis on Bath property tax projection/actual collections and revenue/expenditures. This information continues to be of assistance.
  - B. Clerk Corrick provided the budget comparison, account review and bookkeeping information. Recent transfer of ARPA funds to the general account was discussed and accepted as appropriate.
    - a. Clerk Corrick presented detail on her request for an in-house Public Safety and Public Works budget revision (attached). The FC reviewed and agreed to recommend Council approval.
5. Grant and project information updates -
  - A. Chairwoman Webster is organizing a meeting of the original Depot Committee members along with others who have the interest and skills to make pertinent decisions on future Depot advancement.
  - B. Grant Chairwoman Hickey reported that grant work previously explained is ongoing. Councilwoman MacLeod explained the NBRT project and grant history. Except for the trail head area the NBRT is entirely in the county and not town. The recent unreasonably high bid received by the Morgan County Commission on this project is a matter of concern and a plan forward will be formulated by that committee.
  - C. Cemetery Committee Chairwoman Skinner reported that she will apply for MC Hotel/Motel funding for the Gen. Barstowe Civil War Trail signage project in Greenway Cemetery. Commissioner Tuttle has expressed interest in the project. Developing this cemetery to emphasis it's history and park attributes is being given careful thought.
6. Additional Town financial concerns of Council:
  - A. The Municipal Center building has become increasingly difficult to operate in comfortably. Chairwoman Webster, Councilwoman MacLeod and Mayor Merki did an on site inspection of 381 N. Washington Street and it's

Budget Revision - Public Safety

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Account	Description	Change	Budget
1 700 216 00	Maint/Auto Repair Equip	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
1 700 226 00	Insurance	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 12,500.00
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Budget Revision - Public Works

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Account	Description	Change	Budget
1 750 459 00	Equipment	\$ 510.00	\$ 1,281.00 (Chain Saw)
1 700 226 00	Insurance	\$ (2,933.00)	\$ 10,067.00
1 700 105 00	Health insurance	\$ 2,423.00	\$ 12,123.00
1 750 341 00	Dept Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
1 750 217 00	Auto Maint	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 8,500.00
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