

**ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
January 22, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Members Present** – Bill Lord; Selectmen Representative John Arruda; Jeff Balogh; Ned Rogerson; Nicole Nordlund; Stephen Bartlett

**Absent:** School Board Representative Jim Curran

**Others Present** – Selectmen Josh L. Shackford and Robert J. King, Jr.; Police Chief Ted Colby; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Resident David Cribbie; Finance Director Su Stacey; Recording Secretary Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

**Where and When Posted** – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 12, 2018.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By Lord at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – **Motion** by Rogerson, seconded by Balogh to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting as written. The motion **passed** with Lord and Bartlett abstaining. **Motion** by Balogh, seconded by Rogerson to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting as written. The motion **passed** unanimously.

**2018 Drawdown** – Arruda stated that of the \$2,754,276.87 2018 budget, \$2,561,529.00 has been spent. The balance of \$192,747.87 subtracting the \$54,365.00 in encumbrances will leave an estimated amount of \$145,000 to be returned to the General Fund.

**Final Discussion of Proposed 2019 Town Operating Budget, Warrant and Petition Articles** – The Committee reviewed the 2019 Operating Budget with discussion points listed:

- General Government Buildings – the Town Project line increase from \$11,700 to \$18,500 because of improvements expected to fire department soffits, lower level carpeting and other unexpected items.
- Legal – the line has increased due to pending litigation which ZBA is involved.

The bottom line of the budget is down by \$1,054 from 2018 which is also a \$108,000 decrease from the amount originally proposed at the beginning of the budget process last October. Lord thanked the Selectmen and Department Heads for their diligent work. Arruda mentioned that the town portion of the tax rate has averaged \$3.79 over the last eight years.

**Warrant Articles:** The Committee reviewed the 2019 Warrant Articles with discussion points listed:

2. Operating budget – no discussion
3. Street Paving – in addition to the \$100,000 in this article the DPW Department has \$40,000 in their operating budget. Lord mentioned the \$85,000 block grant annually received from the state. Arruda explained that the grant is deposited directly into the General Fund.
4. Rubber Tired Excavator – a required public hearing has been scheduled and the DPW Director will be in attendance to speak to it.
5. Dump Truck – no discussion
6. Police Cruiser – no discussion
7. Fire Command Vehicle – no discussion

8. Fire Station Parking Lot – the \$41,000 amount was worked out between the Fire Chief and DPW Director; the DPW department will be doing the prep work.
9. Transfer Station ETF – King noted that this project will be slated for 2020 with these funds being put aside in anticipation.
10. and 11. Grader ETF – these funds will be added to an existing fund.
12. Assessing – no comment
13. Fireworks – no comment
14. Bingo/Lucky 7 RSA 287 – Petitioned by the Moose Lodge
15. Fee collection – no comments
16. EAC Solar Array – Arruda explained that this will allow a long-term property lease to allow installation of a photovoltaic panel field to benefit the Town. Solar electrification of several Town buildings will provide long-term power bill reductions.
17. – 26. are petitioned articles

**Petition Warrant Articles** – Nordlund has been reviewing the financial information for warrants, submitted by petitioners, of the organizations requesting tax dollars. The discussion focused on the Carroll County Transit with both Lord and Nordlund agreeing that their information is much better than years past, describing it as forthcoming and transparent. Nordlund did not know if there is a correlation between amounts requested in towns’ warrants, and number of rides, versus costs. Nordlund will ask for data of other towns to correlate whether Madison is paying a fair share, based on rides and Tri-County costs for Madison riders. King offered to contact Brenda at Carroll County Transit to see if a representative will be attending the budget hearing or town meeting. Nordlund had no comments on any other petitioners’ submissions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Lord asked for comments, there were none.

**MEETING SCHEDULE REVIEW –**

- February 4, 2019 at 7 pm - School Budget Deliberative Session at the Elementary School
- February 5, 2019 at 7 pm - Town Budget Public Hearing at the Elementary School

**NEXT ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** – The next Advisory Budget Committee Meeting will be on Monday, February 4, 2019, if necessary, following the 7:00 pm School Budget Deliberative Session at the Elementary School.

**7:03 PM** – Balogh made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Rogerson. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford  
Recording Secretary