

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 20, 2023

Present: Rosemary Sandlin, Chair
Cecilia Calabrese – Vice Chair
Paul Cavallo
Anthony Suffriti
Dino Mercadante

Also Present: Councilors Bitzas, Hendrickson, Rossi, Smith, and Russo, Mayor, Solicitor, Auditor, Golf Course Director Tom DiRico, and Corinne Wingard

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Sandlin in the Agawam Senior Center

AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes dated February 21, 2023

Motion to approve was made by Councilor Cavallo and seconded by Councilor Mercadante.

The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No approving the minutes.

2. TR-2023-19 - A Resolution to appropriate Eighty Six Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$86, 000.00) from the Agawam Golf Course Retained Earnings Account to fund the Agawam Municipal Golf Course Operations Accounts (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)

Tom DiRico addressed the committee about the increase in cost of doing business was higher than anticipated for example \$4.00+ per gallon of diesel went way up and golf cart usage has been way up. Also looking at patio furniture possibly in the future.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Mercadante and seconded by Councilor Cavallo. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

3. TR-2023-22 - A Resolution to authorize Community Choice Energy Aggregation (Sponsored by Councilors Hendrickson, Russo and Sandlin)

This allows the Mayor to look at this program and see if it is right for Agawam. Energy companies have begun lowering costs. Councilors Cavallo and Mercadante expressed concerns about long term rates and wanted more information.

Motion to table and request a workshop with the Full Council made by Councilor Cavallo and seconded by Council Vice President Mercadante. The vote was 5 Yes, 0 No.

4. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.

None.

5. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Cavallo and seconded by Councilor Council Vice President Mercadante. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Rosemary Sandlin, Chair Finance Committee