

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

A JOINT MEETING OF THE D.P.W. SUBCOMMITTEE and TOWN COUNCIL

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM

RICE ROOM

Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM
2. Roll Call: Councilor/DPW Chair Michael Marketti - Councilors Joseph Daou, Gus Steeves
Citizen Members Steve Lazo and Kevin Splaine.
Also in attendance DPW Director Richard Benoit, DPW Operations Manager Phil Harding,
Human Resource Director/Assistant Town Manager Adriana Robaina and Town
Accountant Kristine Russell. Town Council Chair John Daniel, resident George Chenier
3. Consider and approve Joint DPW/Town Council Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2023.
Approved
4. Citizens Forum: None
5. Review FY2024 Department of Public Works Budget in the amount of \$2,140,405.62 and
entertain a motion to vote to submit to Council as presented.
Discussion: Splaine questioned line items on the heavy equipment operator position and
the open position MMEO. Operations Manager Harding said the MMEO position is for a
regular maintenance general laborer. Further questions about eliminating the Inspection
position and the temporary administrator position. Splaine also questioned the total
budget amount on the spreadsheet, which is different than the Town Manager's proposal.
Town Accountant Russell explained the difference but thought the total was not correct.

Motion made to postpone due to discrepancy of budget totals. Motion made by Splaine,
second by Daou. Vote 5-0 to postpone until April 27, 2023.
6. Review FY2024 Snow & Ice Budget in the amount of \$400,000.00 and entertain a motion
to vote to submit to Council as presented. Motion made by Lazo, second by Splaine.
Vote 5-0 approved.
7. Review FY2024 Water Enterprise Budget in the amount of \$4,261,925.00 and entertain a
motion to vote to submit to Council as presented. Postponed due to lack of specific
budget line items. Motion made by Lazo, second by Splaine. Vote 5-0 to postpone until
April 27, 2023.
8. Review FY2024 Sewer Enterprise Fund in the amount of \$5,020,115.00 and entertain a
motion to vote to submit to Council as presented. Postponed due to lack of specific
budget line items. Motion made by Lazo, second by Steeves. Vote 5-0 to postpone until
April 27, 2023
9. Adjourn 6:37 PM.