

**FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**February 7, 2022**

- Present:** Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Rosemary Sandlin – Vice Chair  
Paul Cavallo (remote) (technical Zoom issues, present but not included in voting)  
Anthony Suffriti  
Cecilia Calabrese
- Also Present:** Councilors Bitzas, Rossi, Smith, and Russo, Solicitor Buoniconti, Treasurer Melissa Zawadzki, and Auditor St. John
- Called to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Chair Mercadante in the Teachers’ Conference Room at the Agawam Junior High School

**AGENDA**

**1. Approval of minutes dated January 18, 2022**

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

The vote was 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Calabrese), 1 Abstention (Councilor Suffriti) approving the minutes.

**2. TR-2022-5 - A Resolution accepting a grant (\$9,062.04) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department for the Agawam Police Department (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

This is to fund the 911 training courses, certification compliance and overtime costs associated with attendance at these courses. Massachusetts State 911 is a division with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Councilor Suffriti. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**3. TR-2022-6 - A Resolution accepting a 911 Support and Incentive Grant (\$116,290.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department for the Agawam Police Department (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

Massachusetts State 911 is a division with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to be used for enhanced telecommunications, personnel costs and furniture for the dispatch area.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Sandlin. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**4. TR-2022-8 - A Resolution accepting a donation in the amount of Forty Two Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$42.22) from the Bonavita Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

Retired School Committee member Anthony Bonavita who served the town for many years is donating the balance of his campaign fund. We thank him for his service and for his donation.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**5. TR-2022-9 - A Resolution to appropriate and authorize borrowing in the amount of Three Million and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000.00) in order to refund existing bonds pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, §21A (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

The town is refinancing the existing bonds to save on the interest. By doing this, we will save the town interest as the bond market interest rate is lower amounting to approximately \$250,000. The expiration date on the bond will remain the same.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**6. TR-2022-10 - A Resolution to accept M.G.L Chapter 60, §15B to establish a Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli)**

The town must first adopt the ordinance that allows us to establish this revolving account. By doing this, we can now proceed to create the Revolving Account for tax title issues. The Treasurer explained this as well.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**7. TOR-2022-2 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 33 of the Code of the Town of Agawam by establishing a Tax Title Revolving Account (Sponsored by Mayor Sapelli) (1 of 2 Readings)**

This is merely to establish one account to place funds into and take out of relating to tax title actions both for expenses and collecting taxes. This requires amending Chapter 33 of the Town Code. The Solicitor reiterated that this must be accepted before the account can be created.

Motion to send a positive recommendation to the Full Council made by Councilor Sandlin and seconded by Council Vice President Calabrese. The vote was 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Cavallo – technical issues on Zoom)

**8. Any other business that may legally come before the Committee.**

None.

**9. Adjournment.**

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Council Vice President Calabrese and seconded by Councilor Sandlin. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilor Dino Mercadante, Chair  
Finance Committee