

## Draft Minutes

Plainfield Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 7 p.m.  
in Town Hall

### Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in Town Hall. Present were Robert Persing, Roberta Wooldridge, Robert Baker, Tim Walter, Lew Robbins, and David Kramer. The minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2019, were approved following a correction to include the names of the police department members who appeared before us.

Claude Dupont, chair of the Buildings Committee, appeared with fellow committee member David Alvord to discuss their budget proposal. A significant increase, from \$46,000 to \$52,278, in the operations budget was noted. That increase reflects an increased use and cost of energy. Plans are underway to repair the highway garage roof and to inspect and repair or replace if necessary the fire escape in Town Hall.

The Fire Department was represented by Chief Dennis Thatcher and David Alvord. The operations budget request is about 10% higher than last year's, due primarily to increases in maintenance and personal equipment costs. The department will also request as a capital item about half the \$10,000 cost of an extractor/dryer unit to decontaminate equipment after a fire. Such equipment is necessitated by toxins released in burning modern building materials. The remaining cost will be taken out the Plainfield Volunteer Firefighters Association funds.

The chairman advised the committee that he would be polling them for dates for several additional meetings as the budget season heats up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by David Kramer, chair and secretary