

## Minutes

### Plainfield Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order remotely at 7:04. Present were Bob Baker, Bob Silberberg, David Kramer, and Tee O'Sullivan. The minutes of the December 1, 2020, meeting were accepted as amended.

David reported that Lew Robbins has resigned from the Finance Committee.

The committee decided not to get involved with meetings with neighboring finance committees to discuss the school budget, leaving that to our Schools Committee representatives.

Robert Baker brought the committee up to date on the work of his public safety committee. The committee hopes to be able to support a recommendation for the Police Department budget for fiscal year 2022, but they do not expect to complete their work before the annual Town Meeting.

A brief discussion of a possible split tax rate concluded with no recommendations, leaving open the possibility of returning to the topic after the end of budget season.

The committee was joined by highway superintendent Mert Tayler, Jr., to discuss his department's budget. The department is hoping to purchase a used grader for under \$120,000. Mert pointed out that the current grader is almost 60 years old.

The committee then met with Peter Lapointe, chair of the Buildings Committee, to discuss his department's budget. New in this year's budget was a request for \$5000 for additional labor to respond to urgent repairs and emergencies. At present, such work is done by volunteers on an ad hoc basis. Peter's committee is also seeking \$25,000 to paint Town Hall.

David Kramer  
chairman and secretary