

**MINUTES FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012
CONFERENCE ROOM-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Robbie Howard and Byron Vinton. Also present were Craig Bowden, Chris Connor, Debbie Fitzpatrick, Father Bruce Siket and Roger Raymond.

Members discussed the recommendation received from the Public Works Director that the Town considers abandoning the public use of the Catholic Church Parking Lot because of its condition and that it is no longer needed as a public parking lot.

Town Manager reported that there is still some public use for the parking lot especially during the summer festival and at times when there are large functions at nearby churches and at the Public Safety Building.

Father Bruce Siket, representing the Catholic Church, noted that the church could afford to complete the needed repairs this coming summer if they could take advantage of the Town's favorable paving contract prices.

Town Manager indicated that could be done as long as the parking lot is still available for public parking and the Catholic Church reimburses the Town.

After some discussion, it was agreed to recommend to the Town Council that the lot continue to be a public parking lot pursuant to existing conditions as long as the Catholic Church fixes the parking lot this coming summer and reimburses the Town for the repairs.

The committee then proceeded to review additional information that was prepared by the Finance Director regarding wages for the ambulance call personnel. New scenarios were added to the previous worksheet. After review of the worksheet it was agreed that the scenario to provide one per diem position during the day shift at \$12.00 per hour and to provide one on-call stipend position during the night shift as well as a second scenario that allows for an on-call stipend of \$2.50 per hour for the evening and day shift would be retained. All other scenarios will be set aside for now.

These will be brought back to the committee for discussion at the next meeting as well as information regarding the viability of purchasing new ergonomically friendly stretchers.

No meeting date was set for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Raymond, Town Manager