

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE  
RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 26, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 82 registered voters in attendance.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Taylor, Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gregory Gilmore, Chief of Police; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent of Schools, Blackstone-Millville Regional School District; and Colleen Strapponi, Health Agent.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 1** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 2** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 3** Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01114	MODERATOR			
	Salary Total		900	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	900	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122	SELECTMEN			
	Salary Total		25,126	
	Expense Total		60,100	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	85,226	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01123	ADMINISTRATION			
	Salary Total		203,846	
	Expense Total		15,250	

	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	219,096	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01131	FINANCE COMMITTEE		
	Salary Total	3,000	
	Expense Total	7,100	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	10,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132	RESERVE FUND		
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133	CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	1,600	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
	Salary Total	110,048	
	Expense Total	15,260	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	125,308	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01141	ASSESSORS		
	Salary Total	86,857	
	Expense Total	78,100	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	164,957	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01145	COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
	Salary Total	123,403	
	Expense Total	27,750	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	151,153	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151	TOWN COUNSEL		
	Expense Total	150,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	150,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155	DATA PROCESSING		
	Expense Total	145,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	145,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1158	COPIER		
	Expense Total	27,687	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	27,687	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1159	BONDS & INSURANCE		
	Expense Total	260,621	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	260,621	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1161	TOWN CLERK		

	Salary Total	116,677	
	Expense Total	21,375	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	138,052	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1162	ELECTIONS		
	Salary Total	20,000	
	Expense Total	9,150	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	29,150	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1163	BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
	Salary Total	2,250	
54210	PRINTING	4,550	
	Expense Total	4,550	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	6,800	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1171	CONSERVATION COMM		
51130	SALARY PT SECRETARY	4,000	
	Salary Total	4,000	
	Expense Total	480	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	4,480	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1175	PLANNING BOARD		
	Salary Total	15,200	
	Expense Total	18,011	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	33,211	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1176	ZONING BOARD		
	Salary Total	8,300	
	Expense Total	3,707	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	12,007	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1182	ECONO DEVELOP		
	Salary Total	1,500	
	Expense Total	1,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1184	CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
	Expense Total	2,650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,650	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1190	GENERAL		
	Expense Total	154,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	154,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1192	PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT.		
	Expense Total	393,525	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	393,525	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

1195	TOWN REPORT			
54210	PRINTING		3,000	
	Expense Total		3,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1210	POLICE DEPARTMENT			
	Total Salary		1,683,427	
	Expense Total		242,707	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		1,926,134	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1211	POLICE DISPATCHERS			
	Salary Total		235,817	
	Expense Total		3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		239,317	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1220	FIRE DEPARTMENT			
	Salary Total		1,015,541	
	Expense Total		44,800	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		1,060,341	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1231	AMBULANCE SERVICE			
	Salary Total		5,869	
	Expense Total		54,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		59,869	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1241	MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		71,093	
	Expense Total		3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		74,593	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1243	PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		17,001	
	Expense Total		1,133	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		18,134	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1244	SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES			
	Expense Total		2,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1245	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR			
	Salary Total		17,001	
	Expense Total		650	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		17,651	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT			
	Salary Total		500	
	Expense Total		18,750	

		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	19,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1292	ANIMAL CONTROL			
	Salary Total		23,843	
	Expense Total		8,050	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	31,893	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1294	FORESTRY			
	Salary Total		7,050	
	Expense Total		18,200	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	25,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1300	EDUCATION - B.M.R.			
	Expense Total		9,845,306	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	9,845,306	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1301	BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC			
	Salary Total		1,500	
	Expense Total		933,389	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	934,889	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1303	VOCATIONAL TUITION			
	Expense Total		685,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	685,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1412	ENGINEERING			
	Expense Total		15,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1420	PUBLIC WORKS SUPT			
	Salary Total		32,424	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	32,424	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1421	HIGHWAY LABOR			
	Salary Total		308,781	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	308,781	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1422	HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL			
	Expense Total		46,989	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	46,989	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1423	SNOW & ICE REMOVAL			
	Salary Total		27,500	
	Expense Total		83,174	
		DEPARTMENTAL TOTAL	110,674	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1424	STREET LIGHTING			
	Expense Total		109,375	

	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	109,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1428	MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
	Expense Total	85,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	85,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1429	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
	Expense Total	330,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	330,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1432	STREET CLEANING		
	Expense Total	3,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1433	WASTE COLLECTION		
	Expense Total	640,071	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	640,071	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1434	RECYCLING		
	Salary Total	171,998	
	Expense Total	58,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	230,498	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1510	BOARD OF HEALTH		
	Salary Total	10,213	
	Expense Total	71,507	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	81,720	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1541	COUNCIL ON AGING		
	Salary Total	166,395	
	Expense Total	13,520	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	179,915	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1543	VETERANS		
	Salary Total	17,500	
	Expense Total	166,920	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	184,420	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1610	LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
	Salary Total	299,231	
	Expense Total	222,830	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	522,061	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1650	PARKS		
	Salary Total	86,732	
	Expense Total	46,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL	133,232	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

1691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION			
	Expense Total		2,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1692	MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY			
	Salary Total		1,800	
	Expense Total		8,300	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		10,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total		820,001	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		820,001	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1751	LONG TERM DEBT/ INTEREST			
	Expense Total		204,360	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		204,360	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1752	SHORT TERM DEBT/ INTEREST			
	Expense Total		8,619	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		8,619	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1810	CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS			
	Expense Total		45,271	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		45,271	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1911	COUNTY RETIREMENT			
	Expense Total		928,294	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		928,294	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1913	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP			
	Expense Total		50,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1914	HEALTH INSURANCE			
	Expense Total		866,652	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		866,652	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1915	LIFE INSURANCE			
	Expense Total		4,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		4,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1916	MATCHING MEDICARE			
	Expense Total		80,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		80,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1918	COMPENSATED BALANCES			
	Expense Total		10,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

1919	COMPENSATED ABSENCE			
	Expense Total		7,500	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		7,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
1960	CAPITAL TRUST			
	Expense Total		2,430,000	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		2,430,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL		25,643,107	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE				
60132	SEWER RESERVE FUND			
59610	SEWER RESERVE FUND		100,000	
	TOTAL TRANSFER		100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441	SEWER SALARIES			
	TOTAL SEWER SALARIES		173,512	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		173,512	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442	SEWER MAINTENANCE			
	Expense Total		240,383	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		240,383	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND			
	Expense Total		36,591	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		36,591	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443	SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL			
	Expense Total		571,932	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		571,932	
	TOTAL SEWER		1,122,418	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61132	WATER RESERVE FUND			
	TOTAL TRANSFER		100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450	WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR			
	Salary Total		181,690	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		181,690	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451	WATER ADMINISTRATION			
	Salary Total		82,369	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		82,369	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452	WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE			
	Expense Total		546,634	
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL		546,634	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

61500	TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND			
	Expense Total		52,105	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	52,105	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710	WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT			
	Expense Total		150,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	150,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751	WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST			
	Expense Total		9,600	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	9,600	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61820	MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT			
	Expense Total		2,000	
		DEPARTMENT TOTAL	2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
		TOTAL WATER	1,124,398	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
		WATER / SEWER ENTERPRISE TOTAL	2,246,816	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND / WATER & SEWER		27,889,923	

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$27,889,923.00 to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town Officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments, including the Reserve Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and that said appropriation shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 19,981,031	raised from FY'21 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,876,197	raised from FY'21 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,518,250	raised from FY'21 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,369,721	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$ 375,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 1,145	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 2,246,816	raised from FY'21 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	\$ -	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$ 88,696	transfer from Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds Indirect Cost Reimbursement
That	\$ -	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$ 406,067	use of Free Cash
That	\$ -	use of Overlay

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, it was voted that the Town dispense with the full reading of the remaining articles.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 4** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 4 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services as set forth in the respective departmental budget line items; said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 5** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 5 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 6** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 6 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 7** Upon a motion made and duly seconded, to approve Article 7 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 8** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 8 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund established pursuant to Article IV, Section 5-33.1 of the General Bylaws up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during FY2021.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 9** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 9 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

**ARTICLE 10** Upon a motion made and duly seconded to approve Article 10 as printed in the Warrant, it was voted that the Town transfer from Free Cash the sum of money in the amount of \$228,600 and from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$21,400, totaling \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established and Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act") and that in accordance with the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund., with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.



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Tara C. Sullivan  
Town Clerk of Blackstone

**MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS**

**Finance Committee**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Mary Bulso	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2023
Catherine Norcross-Melson	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2023