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Meeting of Finance Committee held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Hall.

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TOWN OF LUDLOW

Members present: Tony Sanches, Aneta Lombardi, Michael Kelley, Mike Kelliher, Susanne Boyea and Matais Goncalves

Members excused: Dolly Cincone

Mr. Marc Strange was also present.

First Order of Business: The Pledge of Allegiance

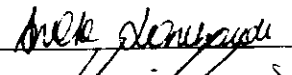
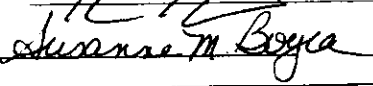
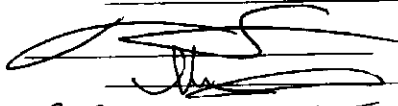

Visitations: from the Fire Department Chief Pease and Deputy LaVoie to discuss management of overtime. The department has 37 staff members. The majority of overtime is related to maintaining minimum staffing in the building 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There is also some overtime incurred for mandatory training. The volume of calls has been also increasing over the last few years. The committee discussed the possibility of offsetting some of the overtime by hiring additional staff.

From the Police Department Lieutenant Brennan and Lieutenant Irwing also discussed their department's overtime. The majority of overtime is also incurred for mandatory training as well as unexpected injuries. The committee also deliberated on the possibility of offsetting some of the overtime by hiring additional staff.

Afterwards, Mr. Strange reviewed the budget calendar and the budget process. Ms. Lombardi and Mr. Kelliher also went over what was discussed during last night's joined Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee meeting. The School Committee discussed next year's budget challenges which included salary renegotiations, out of district tuition and transportation.

Moved by Mr. Goncalves, seconded by Mr. Kelliher to approve and sign the Finance Committee Minutes of June 26, 2024, as indicated.  
Vote: 6-0-0 in favor.

Moved by Mr. Kelliher, seconded by Ms. Boyea to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Vote: 6-0-0 in favor.

  
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