

**Town of Sterling
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2019
Butterick Building, Room 205**

In Chairman Sova's absence, Clerk Steve Staudaher called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

In Attendance:

Mary Cliett, Everett Heller, Todd Chapman, and Steve Staudaher

Absent: Joe Sova

Interview/Vote on Finance Committee Applicant:

While waiting for the arrival of the applicant, Ezequiel Ayala, Committee members reviewed his application and discussed the fact that the applicant serves on the WRSD Audit Advisory Board. Town Administrator Perry had sent an email to the Committee members with a copy of the pertinent Sterling Bylaw regarding FinCom membership; appointment; terms; vacancies. The bylaw states, in part, "none of the seven members appointed hereunder shall be an elected or appointed officer, a member of another board of committee, or a municipal employee".

With some ambiguity in the bylaw wording, Committee members were uncertain that this applicant could be appointed, and made the determination that it would be best to have Town Counsel review the bylaw.

At this point in the meeting, and after realizing the applicant had not been informed of the meeting, Steve Staudaher placed a phone call to the applicant and left a message.

Committee members agreed to scheduled a meeting for Monday, January 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Mr. Staudaher offered to call Mr. Ayala and ask him to attend.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Everett Heller and seconded by Mary Cliett. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.