

Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

12/2/2015

Meeting called to order at 1830 hrs. Present were Joe Goss (Chairman), Julie Rosiak (V.Chair), Lynne Parker, Marie McConarty, Jonathan Smith and Kathleen Maloney.

Minutes from the previous meeting on 11/19/2015 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The following budgets were discussed and voted upon:

End 68 Hours of Hunger: This was tabled at the last meeting for Selectmen review. Selectmen approved the budget requested of \$5k. Budget committee reviewed the request and approved it unanimously.

Tom Kondrat and Rick Morgan entered at 1834 hrs.

Water and Sewer: Presented by Ski Kwiatowski and Wayne Eldridge. Both went line by line on the budget but did not show expenditures year to date. Lynne Parker asked about expenditures YTD. She requested actual numbers. Rick Morgan asked about how much money was left over from the budget. Ski stated \$24k to \$30k which was put into the trust fund. Tom Kondrat asked about health ins. increase. Ski stated they took on two new people which reflects the increase. Julie asked about the telephone increase. Water and Sewer stated that they no longer take part in the town's phone contract which reflects the increase. Joe Goss stated that the revenues do not match the budget. Julie echoed the same. Tom Kondrat tried to clarify and stated that they are not in it to make a profit and excess is put into the trust fund. The budget was tabled until next meeting so W&S could bring in YTD expenditures. Rick Morgan stated Selectmen took no position on the budget.

Center Ossipee Fire: Presented by Michael Brownell. Budget decreased by \$1,120. Joe Goss asked about warrant articles and stated we need to see them to vote on the budget. Rick Morgan stated you do not and the Chief stated the same. Tom Kondrat asked about the fees for the hydrants. It was explained that it is charged by W&S to flush, paint, clear snow and repair the hydrants which W&S own. This is not written anywhere. Seems to be a verbal agreement from the past. Many expressed that this does not make sense. Joe Goss stated that they did not show expenditures YTD. Instructed to bring them when they show the warrant articles to the B.C. A motion to table the budget by Kathleen Maloney was made. No one seconded. A motion was made to pass the budget. All voted yes except Kathleen Maloney who voted no. Rick Morgan stated selectmen passed unanimously.

1902hrs: Ellen White entered the meeting.

West Ossipee Fire: Chief Huddleston presented. Stated that they do not have YTD expenditures on hand but can get for the B.C. Budget is down \$46,710. Need to install a sprinkler system at the fire station to bring up to code. Total cost will be about \$150k. Part of this will come from taxation through a warrant article. Marie stated they need to bring expenditures YTD. Tom asked about executive pay. Julie asked about insurance. The Chief stated it is supplemental disability insurance in addition to workers comp. which pays very little. Rick Morgan stated it is much need ins. to protect the volunteers in case of injury. Joe Goss stated that they need to show YTD expenditures. Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Emergency Management: Dana Cullen presented a level funded budget. . Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Ossipee Corner Fire: Jim spencer presented. There is a warrant article for \$75k to be raised through taxation for a 6 year plan to replace apparatus and vehicles. Total cost will be \$95k per year for the next 5 years for this plan. Budget is level funded in a total amount of \$468,603. Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously. Lynne Parker abstained.

Library: Budget increase of \$7381.08 to \$221,484.08. . Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Fire Warden: Adam Riley presented. Budget increase of \$1,555 to \$21955. Rick Morgan stated that the Selectmen are looking into starting an emergency trust fund for future disasters in the town. Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Interest on Line of credit: Ellen White presented. Increase of \$5k to a budget of \$10k. Stated we pay .25% on the whole amount (2.5 million) of the TAN loan when we start pulling from it. . Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Insurance: Presented by Ellen White. The company we have been using since the 1980's is no longer allowed to underwrite insurance. She is in the process of getting quotes from several companies. Hopefully they will come in less but the actual number is unknown at this time. Budget requested is a total of \$155k. . Rick Morgan stated selectman passed unanimously. Budget Committee passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2001 hrs. Next meeting will be on Dec 16th 2015 1830 hrs at the Freight House.

Jonathan Smith

Recording clerk