

OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
February 3, 2021

Minutes summarized by Laura Nash, Budget Committee Recording Secretary, amendments are noted by ***bold/italic*** type.

Call to Order: Joe Goss called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – was recited

Attendance by Roll Call: – Joe Goss, Donna Gridley, Louise Sutherland, Donna Sargent, Roland Millette, Rachel Ciarmella, Cameron Quigley, Martha Eldridge (Selectmen's Rep.) and Matt Sawyer, Jr, Town Administrator

Absent: Lynne Parker

Other Attendees:

Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Maria Moulton, Library Director
Bonnie Ames, Incinerator/Recycling
Joseph Deighan, Center Ossipee Fire Commissioner
Dana Cullen, Jr., Chief, Center Ossipee Fire & Rescue
Big Tex ?

PUBLIC HEARING

2021 Town Budget Proposal: Chairman Goss informed the public he would read through each budget line item and if anyone had questions or concerns to speak up, otherwise he will continue to read through the budget.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET PROPOSALS:

Conservation Agent in the amount of \$4,306.00

Selectmen's Salary in the amount of \$19,920.00

Town Clerk/Tax Collector in the amount of \$323,500.00

Elections in the amount of \$6,085.00

Voter Registration in the amount of \$4,615.00

Treasurer in the amount of \$8,930.00

Selectmen's Office in the amount of \$798,410.00

Economic Development in the amount of \$5,000.00

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority in the amount of \$8,300.00

Legal in the amount of \$40,000.00

Planning Board in the amount of \$39,698.00

ZBA in the amount of \$18,949.00

Government Buildings in the amount of \$228,449.00

Trustee of Trust Funds in the amount of \$6,091.00

Cemeteries in the amount of \$39,310.00

Insurance in the amount of \$145,500.00

Police Department in the amount of \$1,295,000.00

Police Special Duty in the amount of \$25,000.00

Dog Officer in the amount of \$16,998.00

Fire Warden in the amount of \$21,995.00

Highway in the amount of \$1,438,200.00

Transfer Station in the amount of \$537,644.00

Goss proceeded to read each Outside Agency request for funding, as follows:

Outside Agencies

Tri County CAP (Energy Assistance Program) in the amount of \$13,000.00

Caregivers of S. Carr. Cnty. in the amount of \$3,000.00

End 68 Hours of Hunger in the amount of \$5,000.00

Freedom Food Pantry in the amount of \$4,000.00

Kingswood Youth Center in the amount of \$5,000.00

LIFE Ministries in the amount of \$6,000.00

Green Mountain Conservation Group (Water Quality Testing) in the amount of \$2,000.00

Northern Human Services in the amount of \$4,425.00

OCC - Elderly Nutrition in the amount of \$20,000.00

OCC Day Care in the amount of \$7,000.00

Ossipee Children's Fund in the amount of \$18,000.00

Ossipee Historical Society in the amount of \$4,000.00

School's Out Program in the amount of \$30,000.00

Starting Point in the amount of \$6,251.00

White Mountain Comm Health in the amount of \$4,002.00

Central NH VNA & Hospice in the amount of \$14,000.00

Children Unlimited in the amount of \$3,000.00

White Horse Addiction Center in the amount of \$5,000.00

Ambulance (remainder of current contract) in the amount of \$384,792.00

Emergency Management in the amount of \$6,700.00

General Assistance (Welfare) in the amount of \$40,000.00

Recreation Department in the amount of \$148,895.00

Library in the amount of \$235,957.00

Patriotic Purposes in the amount of \$2,000.00

Conservation Commission in the amount of \$12,164.00

Interest on Line of Credit in the amount of \$10,000.00

Totals were calculated as follows:

Subtotal: **\$6,026,086.00**

Water Dept.: The 2020 proposed budget is \$201,930.00

Sewer Dept.: The 2020 proposed budget is \$202,100.00

Total Operating Budget including W&S: \$6,430,116.00

Chairman Goss read each Warrant Article requested as follows:

Article #6 Dam Engineering in the amount of \$44,900.00

Article #7 Add to Bridge Repair Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00

Article #8 Transfer Station Scale in the amount of \$50,000.00

Article #9 Discontinued Solid Waste Funds in the amount of \$0.00

Article #10 Establish Solid Waste Disposal and Recycle Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00

Article #11 Add to Invasive Species Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00

Article #12 Add to Chickville Church/Meeting House in the amount of \$5,000.00

Article #13 Establish a Government Buildings Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00

Article #14 Ossipee Water System Bond in the amount of \$58,500.00

Article #15 Purchase two Police Cruisers in the amount of \$102,000.00

Article #16 To make the annual grader payment in the amount of \$55,000.00

Article #17 Purchase a pickup truck for the Highway Department in the amount of \$40,000.00 with \$15,000.00 coming from Funding Source and \$25,000.00 coming from General Taxation.

Article #18 Add to the Highway Equipment Fund in the amount of \$45,000.00

Article #19 Adopt 41:9-a (non-monetary) in the amount of \$0.00

Article #20 Ratify the Union CBA in the amount of \$26,952.00

Article #21 Road Paving in the amount of \$300,000.00

Article #22 Add to Re-Evaluation Year in the amount of \$15,000.00

Article #23 Add to Benefits Pay Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00

Article #24 Discontinue Highway Building Fund in the amount of \$0.00

Article #25 Restore Record Books in the amount of \$15,000.00

<u>Adjusted Warrant Articles:</u>	<u>+\$842,352.00</u>
<u>Total including W/A:</u>	<u>\$7,272,468.00</u>
<u>Estimated Overlay:</u>	<u>+\$75,000.00</u>
<u>War Service Credits:</u>	<u>+\$174,500.00</u>
<u>Estimated Revenues:</u>	<u>-\$2,350,030.00</u>
<u>Total Raised by Taxation:</u>	<u>\$4,922,438.00</u>
<u>Budget Increase Over Last Yr.:</u>	<u>\$512,195.00</u>
<u>Percentage Increase:</u>	<u>11.61%</u>

Chairman Goss noted this was due in part to lost revenues from last year, so the actual increase of the working budget was approximately \$50,000.00 all remaining is from lost revenue.

Chairman Goss called for any questions or discussion. With no discussion Chairman Goss called for a motion to close the public hearing.

A **Motion** by Gridley to close the Budget Committee's Public Hearing on the 2021 Proposed Budget at 7:12 PM. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0.**

Chairman Goss reconvened the meeting in session at 7:13 PM.

Goss moved on the Fire Precincts budgets.

Center Ossipee Fire Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred, forty-four thousand, seven hundred and fifteen dollars (\$644,715.00) for the General Operating Budget for the precinct.

Article # ?: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-seven thousand dollars (\$87,000) for the New Equipment and Apparatus New Fire Truck with a purchase price of \$642,000.00.

Article # ??: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-seven thousand, seven hundred, eighty-one dollars (\$27,781.00) to replace 45 Halogen street lights to LED lights with \$9,400.00 to come from Eversource Incentives, and \$10,000.00 from a USDA grant, which leaves a balance of \$8,381.00 to come from taxation.

West Ossipee Fire Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of four hundred, twenty-six thousand, one hundred, and seventy-five dollars (\$426,175.00)

Ossipee Corner Light Precinct

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of four hundred, ninety-seven thousand, three hundred, and eighty-two dollars (\$497,382.00)

Chairman Goss called for a motion to approve all the budgets.

A **Motion** by Millette to approve all 2021 Proposed Budgets. Gridley seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed 8-0.**

Deighan inquired on the number of MS 737 copies will be needed for the February 11, 2021 signing. After discussion it was determined to print (5) copies for signing if additional copies are needed, they can be made at the Freight House after signing.

Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting: None presented.

Next Meeting:

Thurs., 02/11/2021 - Budget Committee Mtg. - to sign MS 737's - **6:30 PM** at the Freight House

Wed., 02/17/2020 – Annual Budget to Board of Selectmen deadline (2 copies)

Tues., 03/9/2020 - Town Elections (Voting Day) **Polls open: 10:00am - 7:00pm**

Wed., 03/10/2020 – Ossipee Annual Town Meeting at the Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium **6:30 PM**

Adjournment:

A **Motion** by Gridley to adjourn the meeting. Sutherland seconded. No further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on –

Date

Joe Goss, Chairman
Budget Committee

Donna Gridley, Vice-Chair
(In the absence of the Chairman)