

OSSIPEE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2023

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Call to Order: Joe Goss called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – was recited by all attendees.

Attendance by Roll Call: – Joe Goss, Donna Gridley Roland Millette, Dallas Emery, Lynne Parker, Brian Keyes, Jennifer Brown, Jonathan Smith (Selectmen's Rep.), Matt Sawyer, Jr. (Town Administrator), and TJ Eldridge, (PW Director)

Absent:, Susan McGuire – Doyle and Andrea Picard (Finance Director)

Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes: N/A

2023 Proposed Budgets:

Goss reported they need to revisit all three Fire Precinct budgets because the original figures consisted of only the operating budgets and did not include the warrant articles. Goss read the correct figure for the Fire Precinct budgets as follows:

Ossipee Corner Light & Power Precinct: proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget of \$537,990.00.

A **Motion** by Parker to recommend the proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget in the amount of \$537,990.00 for Ossipee Corner Light & Power. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0**

Center Ossipee Fire Precinct: proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget of \$745,950.00.

A **Motion** by Parker to recommend the proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget in the amount of \$745,950.00 for Center Ossipee Fire Precinct. Millette seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0**

West Ossipee Fire Precinct: proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget of \$472,983.00.

A **Motion** by Gridley to recommend the proposed 2023 Operating and Warrant Article Budget in the amount of \$472,983.00 for West Ossipee Fire Precinct. Parker seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion Passed 8-0-0**

Goss called for a Selectmen's report.

Selectmen's Report: Smith commented no changes since last week.

2022 YTD - Expenditure Report: Matt Sawyer, Jr. reported the year ended with over a 6% surplus on the expenditure report distributed last week. Most of the credit goes to TJ Eldridge for keeping his departments under budget and the Board of Selectmen were also fiscally responsible.

Parker inquired if the culvert on Granite Rd. get repaired. TJ Eldridge, PWD reported the road will be closed for five (5) hours tomorrow from 8:00 am until approximately 1:00 pm for the crew to close it up and pave the area. The highway crew along with G.W. Brooks, who did most of the excavation were down there many nights past midnight to get it repaired in record time. There will be pictures on the website showing the area was 17 feet to the bottom of excavation and 50 feet wide. TJ Eldridge, PWD commented if the repair had been done six years ago when it was first reported it would have cost a quarter of the price it is today of \$190,000.00.

Smith stated their going assess other culverts to work out a degree of repairs, a schedule and cost going forward. TJ Eldridge, PWD stated the culvert right next to this current one is going to take approximately (6) weeks to repair.

Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting:

Goss called for any other business. With no other business coming before the committee, Goss called for a motion to adjourn until 7:00 pm for the public hearing.

Adjournment:

A **Motion** by Millette to adjourn the meeting until 7:00 pm for the Public Hearing. Brown seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. **Motion passed.** The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Minutes approved by majority vote of the Board on –

Date

Joe Goss, Chairman

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