

Town of Danbury
Municipal Budget Committee - Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2021

Call to Order 6:33 PM

Members present: Mike Daughen, Lenny Ryan, Lynn Walker, Doug Boisvert, Lorrie Dubia, Anna Hullinger. Jessica Hatch, Jim Phelps & Tracy Shepard (Selectman's rep)
Resident Deborah Aylward was present w video recorder. Lynn delivered copies of the last minutes and the pertinent documents to her and collected \$ 7.25

Lenny motioned to accept the minutes from 11/4 as amended – Mike seconded, all in favor.

6:30 – 6:50 - Jim Larkin & Mike Maines / Transfer Station

Jim indicated that the missing Operators Wages line item is to be reviewed and decided at a later date. Discussed aluminum disposal and income (goes into an "Income from Departments" fund, and was \$ 7007.00 to date in 2021).

TTCC is level funded, so no review is necessary.

Trustees Fund proposal remains the same.

Zoning Board remains the same.

7:00 – 7:30 - Chief Jeremy Martin & Jake Moran / Fire Department

Line items discussed.

Several items increased as the cost of services continue to rise.

Equipment line increase would cover such items as bunker gear, etc., add'l EMT training, and 'fire class', perhaps more CDL's.

Discussed the Lakes Region Fire Aid.

Bristol Ambulance Service is at \$ 65,801.99.

Forest Fire line – Mert Austin is retiring as Fire Warden. A grant was approved for misc. Fire and Forestry equipment – 50/50 cost between Town and State.

Emergency Management – cost is split between the Town (25%) and the State (75%). Kyle L. prepares the 'Local Emergency Operations Plan'.

The department is asking to buy a truck this year for delivery in 2023.

A Grant was denied to replace the 1975 pumper. Would need to appropriate \$ 50,000/year to replace it.

Extras have been pared down after the grant was denied.

Discussion of the definition of 'Forestry Truck' and what would it be used for.

There is \$ 100,000.00 in the FD general fund for use of purchase of the forestry truck.

7:30 – 7:50 – Chief Dave Suckling & Becky Huntoon / Police Department

Line items reviewed.

Requesting a pay increase for Becky.

The Department is still entertaining combined dept's w Alexandria, and are working with the AG's office. That will not be a part of this year's proposals.

7:50 – 8:05 – Jeremy Cornell / Highway Department

Wages and Salary up from last year.

Temporary Help and office support up.

Jeremy would like to add an extra person @ 25 hours a week year around.

He kept a lot of the line items at last year's numbers.

Discussion on pavement budget/usage.

Consideration for replacing the loader @ around \$ 200,000.00.

Lenny motioned to adjourn @ 8:15, Lynn 2nd, all in favor.

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 18 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Walker