

Budget Committee Meeting 12/27/2018

Meeting started at 6:02 PM

Attendance: Melissa Suckling, Jessica Hatch, Mike Daughn, Lynn Walker, Lenny Ryan, Brad Winslow, Tim Martin

Absent: None

Old Business –

Lenny brought forward in reviewing the prior minutes that the second for the treasurer budget was Lenny not Brad. Brad made a motion to accept the amended minutes, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor.

New Business –

Jessica brought information forward to us from the Selectboard. At this time Chief Suckling requested to decrease his request for the full time chief at this time as more information and review would be warranted to approach this in the best way. She passed along that the adjuster was in for the Highway department information. They are working on getting items replaced for inside the shed and they are moving forward with getting the highway shed fixed. They have still not heard about the other trucks at this time.

Police Department Budget – with the removal of the full time chief request Brad made a motion to accept the police department budget total at \$112, 638, Lenny seconded the motion, and vote with all in favor; Melissa abstained from voting.

Fire Department – discussion was had regarding the phone and computer charges on the budget. We will get more final numbers next week and adjust accordingly, but at this time we will look at the budget request as written with an increase in telephone to \$1,000. Melissa made a motion to accept the fire department budget at \$53,200, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor.

Transfer Station – will potentially need to adjust pending final review of 2018 expenses due to increased prices this year, Brad made a motion to accept the \$117,914 request, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Wages – Brad made a motion to increase wages at 3%, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor.

Highway Department – we opted to go line by line in the highway department, we also are voting based on business as usual with the hopes of insurance covering the necessary damages, etc. from the fire

Overtime – This number was high in 2018 due to overtime prior to the change in leadership in the department. Brad made a motion to approve overtime at \$15,000, Melissa seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Temp Help – This number was high in 2018 due to the change in staffing based on last years town meeting vote. Brad made a motion to approve at \$2,000, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Telephone – Brad made a motion to approve at \$1,500, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Medical – Brad made a motion to accept \$400, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Uniforms – Brad made a motion to accept \$5,600, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Electricity – Melissa made a motion to accept \$4,600, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Heating Oil – Melissa made a motion to \$2,500, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Dues – Melissa made a motion for \$150, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

General Supplies – Brad made a motion for \$15,000, Melissa seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Diesel – Brad made a motion for \$35,000, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Vehicle Repair – Tim made a motion for \$40,000, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Equipment – Brad made a motion for \$1,500, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Mileage – Lynn made a motion for \$100, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Training – Lynn made a motion for \$600, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Rentals and Leases – Lenny made a motion for \$15,000, Lynn seconded the motion, Vote with all in favor

Culverts – Lynn made a motion for \$6,000, Lenny seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Hot Top – discussion ensued that this line item has been the item that keeps getting pulled and roads are not being properly taken care of because other line item spending is not being watched therefore the roads are becoming in disrepair. This needs to be watched closely. It was asked if there was a more definitive way for what is said is going to get done actually gets done, in like a warrant article, but that is not the way it works for the budget. Lynn made a motion for \$100,000, Brad seconded the motion; vote with 3 yes and 2 no.

Calcium Chloride – Brad made a motion for \$7,100, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Gravel – Tim made a motion for \$35,000, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Salt – Brad made a motion for \$16,500, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Sand – discussion was had that the budget does not need to be so high, they need to be conscientious with finances on sanding, Tim made a motion for \$28,000, Brad seconded the motion, vote with all in favor

Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lynn seconded the motion, vote with all in favor with meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.