

Town of Danbury
Municipal Budget Committee - Meeting Minutes
November 23, 2021

Call to Order 6:34 PM

Members present: Mike Daughen, Lenny Ryan, Lynn Walker, Doug Boisvert, Anna Hullinger & Lorrie Dubia.
Jessica Hatch, (Selectman's rep)

Jessica motioned to accept the minutes as amended from last week's meeting. Lenny 2nd, all in favor – Lorrie abstained as she was absent last week.

DPD review – request for \$ 94,941.00 is up from \$ 92,260.00. Officer's wage is in anticipation of an additional officer. Lenny suggested that we level fund budget from last year, as it will be surplus again, and the difference ends up in the general fund and is used as a "slush fund" for other expenses that may arise.

Lenny motioned to reduce officer wages from \$ 42,000.00 to \$ 30,000.00, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

Admin wage is set by the BOS - request is for \$ 18.00/ hour = \$ 12,360.00.

Mike motioned to lower admin wage from \$ 14,040.00 to \$ 12,000.00 and perhaps a 3% increase, Lenny 2nd, all in favor.

Lenny motioned to reduce the Police Dept. budget to \$ 80,901.00 from the proposed \$ 94,941.00, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

DFD review – Lenny motioned to accept proposed budget of \$ 62,280.00, Doug 2nd, all in favor. (Mike abstained from vote).

Auditors Contract review – Lenny motioned to accept proposed \$ 1,000.00, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor. Jessica indicated that this budget will likely be added to.

Treasurer review – Lenny motioned to accept proposed \$ 4,050.00, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

Assessors review – Lenny motioned to accept proposed \$ 17,250.00, Mike 2nd, all in favor. (25% over the next 5 years, and will be adjusted by the BOS).

Legal expenses – Jessica stated that the BOS hopes the proposed \$ 10,000.00 will be enough to cover. Lenny motioned to accept, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

Health Insurance – Board decided to table discussion, and come back to it at another time.

GGB fund – Mike motioned to accept the proposed \$ 20,700.00, Lenny 2nd, all in favor.

Property Liability – Mike motioned to amend DBC previous recommendation of \$ 23,464.00 to the requested \$ 26,679.00. Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

Gasoline & Tax mapping – The board agreed to table this until the BOS was ready to confirm recommended \$ 1,500.00

Ambulance service – Lenny motioned to accept the proposed \$ 65,082.00, Anna 2nd, all in favor.

Emergency Management / Forest Fire – Lenny motioned to accept the proposed \$ 8,000.00, Doug 2nd, all in favor.

Highway – The board agreed to leave this on the table for now.

Health & Welfare – Mike motioned to accept the proposed \$ 5,500.00, Lenny 2nd, all in favor.

Flags, Markers, Old Home Day – Mike motioned to accept the proposed \$ 700.00, Lorrie 2nd, all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS =

- **Wednesday, Dec. 1st, BOS meets with the Alexandria BOS to discuss combining the Police Departments.
Our Board is welcome to attend.**
- **DBC proposed meeting dates scheduled as needed = Thursdays @ 6:30 – 12/2, 12/9, 12/16**
- **Our budget is due Tuesday, January 11th.**
- **Public hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 13th. Snow date is Friday 14th.**
- **Deliberative Session is Thursday, February 10th @ 7:00 pm. Snow date is Friday 11th, 7:00 pm**

Lorrie motioned to adjourn @ 7:58 PM, 2nd by Jessica, all in favor.

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday December 2 @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, *Lynn Walker*