

**BEACON FALLS BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Special Meeting Continued**  
**April 2, 2014**  
**MINUTES**  
**(Draft Copy-Subject to Revision)**  
(Recorded on Olympus DP-201 filed by date)

C. Bielik reconvened the Board of Selectman Special meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

Present: First Selectman C. Bielik, Selectmen P. Betkoski and D. Sorrentino

Also Present: Finance Board Member J. Rodrigo – arrived at 6:08 PM

C. Bielik presented a copy of the 2014/15 budget that the Board of Selectmen as a whole will be presenting to the BOF for their review, comments, input and recommendation's.

This municipal budget that is being presented reflects an increase of .29% or approximately \$18,000 from municipal operating budget FY 2013/14.

C. Bielik noted that this budget represents everything that has been discussed so far noting that the benefits and medical insurance numbers are not final. He explained that the town's insurances broker informed him that there will changes as the existing benefits package no longer exists. C. Bielik did note that he was told to expect a 12% increase and this budget reflects that.

C. Bielik noted that this budget includes a 2.5% increase for all employees (union and non) with no increase for elected officials.

C. Bielik noted that the trash collection number should be a good one.

H noted again that all big changes have been discussed.

C. Bielik explained that by consolidating bonds and bands (recently done) will be a savings in interest however, the principal payment will increase. He noted that it is currently short term as we should know by March 15, 2015 what type of grant we will be getting for the Waste Water Treatment project. He noted that we were required to pay \$260,500 in 2013/13 towards bonds and \$375,000 in 2014/15 again noting that a higher amount will be going to principal.

C. Bielik explained that all capital projects were carried over however, if they were not funded in last year's budget, they are not included in this proposal however, they can still be discussed.

The mini-bus was discussed noting that the town will be receiving a grant for a new mini-bus. The bus will cost \$60,000 and the town's portion will be \$12,000. This is reflected in this budget proposal.

The cholesterol machine is in this budget. C. Bielik noted that the town nurse has been asking for this for a long time and he would like to see it in the budget, \$2,000.00

Public Works truck is included in this budget- lease/purchase. Locip money is paying for the plow and the bed and the remaining payments due will be \$27,000 per year for 4 years.

Police Department radios must stay in as they were partially paid for last year with the balance due in this budget.

C. Bielik explained that Microsoft no longer supports operating system XP so he would like to see the Town's computers be upgraded to Windows 7 which is supported. The total cost of this upgrade with licensing and some hardware is \$11,165 noting that this will keep the town hall up to date.

After discussing all of the above, it was agreed that the BOS should make a motion as a whole to forward this proposed budget to the BOF.

**P. Betkoski motioned to approve this budget as an entire board to forward it to the BOF for their review, comments and action. D. Sorrentino 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

**D. Sorrentino motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM. P. Betkoski 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All voted aye.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Classey  
Clerk for the Board of Selectmen