

Approved 09/07/2017

**CALL TO ORDER** at 7:00 pm in the Fremont Town Hall Main Floor meeting room by Cordes. This was an alternate meeting night to have work session on 2018 budgeting. Present were Selectmen Neal Janvrin, Roger Barham and Gene Cordes.

Before focusing on budgeting, the Board reviewed the most recent progress invoice from KTM relative to the Town Hall basement renovations. After reviewing the invoice, the project schedule of values and the project progress, Janvrin made a motion to approve the 08/30/2017 invoice in the amount of \$32,306. Barham seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0 at 7:05 pm.

There was discussion about the status of the electricity supply proposals. Barham will be speaking with the broker regarding the Town's interest in having pricing for budgeting purposes as well as the timing of the contracting relative to meter reading schedules. The Board would like for an update and further discussion at its regularly scheduled 09/14 meeting. Discussion ended at 7:15 pm.

Regarding the 2018 department budget requests the following actions occurred (please note that payroll costs for non-uniformed employees were recommended with a 2% increase over 2017 rates):

Expense code # 4140 Town Clerk / Tax Collector – Department request is \$64,842 – After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:27 pm.

Expense code # 4141 Elections – Department request is \$13,243 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded Barham and approved 3-0 at 7:30 pm.

Expense code #4151 Financial Administration – Department request is \$21,110 - After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:32 pm.

Expense code # 4152 Reappraisal of Property – Department request is \$51,410- After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:37 pm.

Expense code # 4153 Legal – Department request is \$20,000. There was discussion about active, pending and anticipated legal matters and whether the request was going to be enough to address the needs for the Town's legal services. After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend a \$30,000 amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:46 pm.

Expense code # 4210 Police – Department request is \$569,602- After review and discussion, motion by Barham to table action on this request until the Board can meet with the Department Head, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:57 pm.

Expense code # 4215 – Ambulance – Department request is \$9,000. After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 7:59 pm.

Expense code # 4240 – Building Inspections - Department request is \$63,101 - After review and discussion, motion by Barham to table action on this request until the Board can meet with the Department Head, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 8:02 pm.

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Expense code # 4290 – Emergency Management- Department request is \$4,000 - After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 8:03 pm.

Expense code # 4414 – Animal Control – Department request is \$ 10,513 - After review and discussion, motion by Barham to table action on this request until the Board can meet with Department Head, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 8:08 pm.

Expense code # 4415 – Health – Department request is \$750 - After review and discussion, motion by Barham to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded by Janvrin and approved 3-0 at 8:11 pm.

Expense code # 4550 – Library – Department request is \$136,598 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to table action on this request until the Board can meet with the Department Head, it was seconded by Barham and approved 3-0 at 8:12 pm.

Expense code # 4610 – Conservation Commission – Department request is \$ 3,752 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded Barham and approved 3-0 at 8:13 pm.

Expense code # 4711 – Interest on TANs – Department request is \$1,500 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded Barham and approved 3-0 at 8:14 pm.

Expense code # 4721 and # 4723-Principal and Interest Debt Service – Department request is \$111,740 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded Barham and approved 3-0 at 8:19 pm.

Expense code # 4583 – Patriotic Purposes – Department request is \$2,735 - After review and discussion, motion by Janvrin to recommend the Department's requested amount, it was seconded Barham and approved 3-0 at 8:30 pm.

The Board discussed which Department Heads they wish to meet with. In addition to the above highlighted Departments, they would like to meet with the Fire Chief and the Road Agent and may consider others as the budgeting process evolves.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday September 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall. This will include the Grassdrags informational meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:37 pm Janvrin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Barham and approved 3-0.

Notes taken by Gene Cordes