

Official

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING PUBLIC HEARING

Minutes

Hooksett Town Hall

35 Main Street

Thursday, January 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at 7:02 pm

ATTENDANCE

Chairman M. Miville, Vice Chair T. Keach, K. Hughes, J. Hyde, N. Comai, V. Lembo, T. Lizotte, and D. Pearl,
D. Argo, JR Ouellette, and D. Sorel excused

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 13, 2011

*D. Pearl motioned to accept the minutes of January 13, 2011. Seconded by T. Lizotte.
Vote unanimously in favor*

PUBLIC HEARING

VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Presentation of Hooksett Village Water Operating Budget and Proposed Warrant Articles.

T. Lizotte: There was pending research to be done on Health and Dental. Has that been resolved?

C. Jones: That has not been determined. Since the insurance rates continually increase it was the determination of commission that the employees should start to contribute as do other town employees. It is the same insurance as the Town but we pay separately.

T. Keach: The Superintendent pay was adjusted to be in line with other communities. Since the assistance is now contributing to the insurance, will he be making more with the increase in salary?

C. Jones: He will make a little more.

M. Miville: There were comparisons to Milford for wages. I took Milford out for the calculations, and took the average, it was \$5,000 for an increase of \$2883 to bring to the

average. I just didn't think it was fair to compare Milford which was so much higher rather than the towns that were more in line.

C. Jones: You could take something out of all of them, for example number of customers and that would change the average. We chose communities by population.

D. Pearl: Does Village have predetermined steps?

C. Jones: No

The Public Hearing for the Village Water Precinct was opened at 7:15 pm

Warrant Article #5

M. Miville presented the Village Water Precinct Operating Budget of \$490,317 which is an increase of 3% from last year's budget and 5% increase from actual.

Warrant Article #6

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to add to the Tank Maintenance Trust Fund with said funds to come from Pike Industries. (Recommended by the Commissioners)

Warrant Article #7

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5000) to be added to the Water Main trust fund. Said funds to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Commissioners)

Warrant Article #8

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand dollars (\$2000) to be added to the Truck trust fund. Said funds to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Commissioners)

Warrant Article #9

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Repair and Replacement trust fund. Said funds to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Commissioners)

Warrant Article #10

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Tank Maintenance trust fund. Said funds to come from fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Commissioners)

The Public Hearing for the Village Water Precinct was closed at 7:45 pm.

Budget Committee Recommendations

Warrant Article 5 - V. Lembo motioned to recommend the Village Water Precinct budget in the amount of \$490,317. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Vote unanimously in favor

T. Lizotte motioned to recommend Warrant Article 6 as written. Seconded by b V. Lembo.

Vote unanimously in favor.

V. Lembo motioned to recommend Warrant Article 7 as written. Seconded by T. Keach.

Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Pearl motioned to recommend Warrant Article 8 as written. Seconded by J. Hyde.
Vote unanimously in favor

J. Hyde motioned to recommend Warrant Article 9 as written. Seconded by V. Lembo.
Vote unanimously in favor.

CENTRAL WATER PRECINCT

Presentation of Central Water Operating Budget Default Budget and Proposed Warrant Articles.

M. Miville: Central water has no wage increase this year?

Irene Beaulieu, Central Water: Central Water doesn't have set steps.

The Superintendent at Central is a salary employee.

D. Pearl: If Village's Superintendent's salary goes to \$61,000 there is a \$10,000 difference between the water districts.

C. Jones: Central Water buys there water and Village has their own water source which is more involved.

T. Lizotte: Village has to meet with EPA guidelines.

G. Weirs: Central has to meet EPA guidelines as well. There are simply different responsibilities but the liability is the same.

T. Keach: How many years does the Superintendent have on the job?

Joe Hebert, Village: I started in 1994 and have 17 years of experience.

The Public Hearing for the Central Water Precinct was opened at 8:00 pm.

Proposed Operating Budget of \$649,740.

Warrant Article #5

To see if the Precinct will raise, from water rents, and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Central Hooksett Water Precinct Capital Reserve Fund #1, entitled Water Storage Capital Reserve Fund (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

Warrant Article #6

To see if the Precinct will raise, from capital improvement fees, and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$6,575.00) for the Central Hooksett Water Precinct Capital Reserve Fund #2 - New Construction and Capital Improvements Capital Reserve Fund (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

Warrant Article #7

To see if the Precinct will raise, from water rents, and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Central Hooksett Water Precinct Capital Reserve Fund #3 - Repair and Replacement of Main and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

Warrant Article #8

To see if the Precinct will raise, from capital improvement fees, and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$6,575.00) for the Central Hooksett Water Precinct Capital Reserve Fund #4 - Standpipe Relining Capital Reserve Fund (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

Warrant Article #9

To see if the Precinct will raise, from source development fees, and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$26,300.00) for the Central Hooksett Water Precinct Capital Reserve Fund #5 - Source Development & Infrastructure Preservation Capital Reserve Fund (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

Warrant Article #10

To see if the Precinct will raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$649,740.00) for general Precinct operations. This article does not include appropriations from any other warrant articles (recommended by the Precinct Commissioners).

The Public Hearing for Central Water Precinct was closed at 8:20 pm

Budget Committee Recommendations

Operating Budget Recommendation (Article #10)

D. Pearl motioned to recommend the Central Water Precinct Operating budget for \$649,740.00. Seconded by K. Hughes.

(This is a 1.9% decrease from last year's budget)

Vote unanimously in favor

Warrant Article # 5

V. Lembo motion to recommend Warrant Article #5 as written. Seconded by T. Lizotte

Vote unanimously in favor

Warrant Article#6

T. Lizotte motioned to recommend Warrant Article #6 as written. Seconded by J. Hyde

Vote unanimously in favor

Warrant Article #7

T. Lizotte motioned to recommend Warrant Article #7 as written. Seconded by D. Pearl.

Vote unanimously in favor

Warrant Article #8

D. Pearl motioned to recommend Warrant Article #8 as written. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Vote unanimously in favor

Warrant Article #9

K. Hughes motioned to recommend Warrant Article #9 as written. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Vote unanimously in favor

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan