

Approved

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
HOOKSETT MUNICIPAL OFFICES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
35 Main Street
Thursday, November 3, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

J. Hyde called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

ATTENDANCE

Chair Jason Hyde, Steve Peterson, Joe Di Mattina, Chris Morneau, Steve Perrotta, Richard Ross, Brian Tilton, Michael Yakubovich, Marc Miville, Town Council Rep., and Greg Martakos, School Board Rep.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2016

C. Morneau motioned to approve the minutes of October 27, 2016 with the following change. Seconded by S. Perrotta. Correction: page 6 second line “27.9 should be 27.09 Vote unanimously in favor.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No comment.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

No nominations at this time.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Budget Review

J. Di Mattina: When were you first notified about the insurance rate increase?

C. Soucie: October 21, 2016. We currently have a one year contract which will expire on December 31, 2016.

Dr. Shankle: I asked the insurance when I met with them why they didn't give us early notice of the increase. They spread out the original first year rate on 24 months experience and this rate was based on seven month.

J. Di Mattina: Is it too late to get new bids for 2017?

Dr. Shankle: There is no way to get new bids by December. We can change the plan within this company which will reduce the coverage for employees. My recommendation to Council is to sign the current contract and moving forward and look at other plans within this company and when this year is complete, re-bid and not look at this company again.

S. Peterson: The Cadillac Tax, is that based on the cost of the insurance?

Dr. Shankle: It is based not only on the company's portion but also the employees' portion. The Affordable Care Act presumes you will keep the insurance and pay the penalty but no town will do that.

J. Hyde: The current term of insurance is through June?

Dr. Shankle: The contract goes from January to December so the second part of the rate increase has to be covered by the current budget.

B. Tilton: Could the town have gone forward and solicited bids before the new rates came out?

Dr. Shankle: We try not to go out for bid every year and we anticipated a 4-5% increase and 12% worst case.

M. Yabubovich: If we went with a plan that other towns use, how would we fair with rates?

Warrant Articles

The Budget Committee read and reviewed the warrant articles and discussed the costs. (See attached warrant articles)

D. Boyce will provide more information on where the upgrades will be made in the Park and Rec buildings including bathrooms and storage.

J. Hyde stated that he would prefer to see Warrant Articles as separate items and not tied together.

Chief Burkush: In the CIP, it lists the vehicles that are scheduled to be replaced. Engine 5 is scheduled to be refurbished. It is ten (10) years old and possibly if we put \$50,000 into the vehicle, we can keep it another 10 years.

J. Hyde: Has activity for the vehicles increased?

Chief Burkush: We have seen a 10% increase in calls for fire and medical.

There are two contracts this year – Police and Fire.

OTHER BUSINESS

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No comment

ADJOURNMENT

*S. Perrotta motioned to adjourn. Seconded by S. Peterson.
Vote unanimously in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan