

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting 2-23-15

Meeting Start: 7:04 pm

Adjourn: 9:32 pm

Town of Hull Advisory Board Meeting

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Other
	X		Phil Lemnios
			Richard Billings
			Robert Sawtelle
			Jim Lampke
			Kurt Bornheim
John Schmid	X		
Dick Kenney	X		
David Clinton	X		
Jay Polito	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Jill Dennard	X		
Bob Carney	X		
John Tiani	X		
Christine Carr		X	
George Boylen	X		
Dan Sullivan	X		

Town Manager Update

Town Manager provided a summary of the Town of Hull Appropriation and Expenditures as of January 31, 2015. As of January 31, 2015, a total of 57.89% of the available budget had been appropriated. The Fiscal Year for the Town of Hull runs from July 1 to June 30, therefore, approximately 58% of the budget would have been expected to be appropriated as of the January 31 date.

Police Budget

Captain Sawtelle / Chief Billings presented the proposed Police Budget (0210) of \$2,791,094 for fiscal 2016 which represented an increase of ~3% over the FY15 Budget. The proposed budget is outlined on page 35 of the Town of Hull FY2016 Proposed Budget Binder.

The basic increase is due mostly to salary.

Questions were raised concerning money for temporary signage due to the amount of snow that has fallen in Hull in the winter of 2014/2015. The snow budget will handle the signage. The temporary signage costs ~\$1200. The new signage will support the new traffic patterns implemented due to the large amount of snow.

There will be 3 recruits going to the academy (Professional and Technical line item 5300) costing approximately \$3000/person.

There will be additional costs due to new requirements for ammunition training (other supplies – line item 5580). There is an approximately \$10K increase for additional ammunition and uniforms.

The discussion ended with a presentation of a list of additional departmental needs (refer to Exhibit 022315_A “Police Department Wish List”) for FY2016 which included a request for: 2 patrol officers (1 SRO and 1 DET) for \$140K and some capital needs (12 AEDs, 50 Glock and .40 Pistols, office furniture and 10 tasers) for a cost of approximately \$38K.

Legal Department Budget

Town Counsel presented the proposed Town Counsel Budget (0151) of \$125,604 for fiscal 2016 which represented an increase of ~1.6% over the FY15 Budget. The proposed budget is outlined on page 18 of the Town of Hull FY2016 Proposed Budget Binder.

The Town Counsel of Hull is a one person department. The Town Counsel spends a lot of time working with and coordinating with the insurance company lawyers who are representing the Town of Hull with the ongoing legal issues. The Town Counsel keeps track of all legal cases going on in the Town of Hull, in addition, to conducting his own workload in support of the Town of Hull.

The Town of Hull self-insures against legal risks. The Town of Hull has several types of insurance policies: workman’s compensation insurance, automobile insurance, flood insurance, building insurance covering ~\$60 million worth of structures, equipment insurance, ~\$11 million of building contents insurance, and public official / school board liability / police liability insurance.

The total of Hull insurance premiums in FY15 was \$391K. The claims history is a factor in the annual premium. The insurance market for municipalities is constantly changing. The two major options in municipality insurance are Maya insurance pool and Trident.

Harbor Budget

Harbormaster presented the proposed Harbor Budget (295) of \$320,484 for fiscal 2016 which represented an increase of ~1.2% over the FY15 Budget. The proposed budget is outlined on page 70 of the Town of Hull FY2016 Proposed Budget Binder.

Additional training requirements (8 – 10 hours) are driving part of the budget increase for FY16.

Hull has 5 piers and 13 floats to maintain.

Hull received a grant of \$223K for a new patrol/rescue boat. The new Hull patrol/rescue boat will cost ~\$303K. The plan is to sell the old patrol/rescue boat to put toward the cost of the new boat. Hull expects to receive ~ \$25K for the old patrol/rescue boat.

Hull has done well with their last two boat purchases as grants have covered ~ 75% of total cost.

The Coast Guard is pushing more responsibility to local government. This trend is driving increases in costs and responsibility for local governments.

Homeland Security is trying to camera all the ports in the US. Hull supports this initiative to improve accountability of boaters' actions and use of Hull waterways.

There is a ~15% turnover in mooring positions in Hull on a yearly basis. There is no waiting list and Hull does not expect to run out of moorings.

Committee Updates: Capital Improvements Committee, Beach Committee, others

No updates.

Meeting Minutes Review / Approval

A decision was made to postpone review / approval of the minutes til next week due to time.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Dick K, seconded by John T.

Motion: Vote to adjourn

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against
John Schmid				
Dick Kenney	X		X	
David Clinton			X	
Jay Polito			X	
Peter Larsen			X	
Jill Dennard			X	
Bob Carney			X	
John Tiani		X	X	
Christine Carr				
George Boylen			X	
Dan Sullivan			X	

Comments: Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

