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BOARD OF SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES January 15th, 2009

The Chairman called a public meeting to order at 6:40 PM in the upstairs conference room at the Town Hall located off Main Street

PresentAbsent with apologiesPeter Rhoades ~ ChairmanDavid Bickford ~ SelectmanRon Gehl ~ Selectman

April Whittaker ~ Town Administrator

Budget Discussion 2009

<u>Account 4312</u>: The board met with Mark Fuller to review capital items and to discuss compensation.

Fulltime Salaries: 4312-10-110 total recommended \$260,573

Clerical: 4312-10-111 Total recommended \$10,700

(832 hr (16 hrs /wk) x 12.86)

Part time and overtime to remain the same as the 2008 figures

Other Clerical lines to be delineated in the following budgets:

Solid Waste: 4324-10-111 New Line Clerical: Total Recommended \$2,470

(48 wks x 4 hr (192 hrs) x \$12.86

Other recommendations to Acct 4324

\$38,0000

Recommendations to Acct 4319 – Equipment Mechanic

(16 wks x 4 hr (64 hrs x \$12.86)

(Increase \$20,000 for grader repairs)

Capital Accounts

Acct 4901 Road Reconstruction previously approved at \$200,000

Acct 4902: Truck Acquisition: Mr. Fuller advised that bid price would indicate a revision to the requested \$118,000 down to **\$116,000** ~ **line 4902-10-077**.

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General discussion ensued re use of the current capital reserves; Mrs. Whittaker noting that she felt comfortable in defraying 100% of the intended truck acquisition. She produced a chart showing reserve accumulations and intended acquisition up to the year 2014. The board concurred with defraying 100% of the truck acquisition via use of existing reserve monies.

Acct 4909 Other Improvements:

General discussion ensued over improvements to the fuel pumps with software upgrades and general reconditioning of the pumps. Mr. Fuller noted that the overall cost would be in the proximity of \$18,000. Agreed to complete the project over 2 years; Mr. Fuller to get a contract so that any monies remaining at year-end could be encumbered to 2010. The Board of Selectmen will review again the capital amount with Mr. Fuller.

Prior to leaving, Mr. Fuller requested the board to reconsider a cost of living raise for the town employees. With regret, the board outlined their reasons for not recommending pay increases, referring to the unemployment figures, economic conditions and employee's current contributions towards their benefits.

Account 4915 Capital Reserves

Following extensive review, the board recommended the following amounts: ~

New Reserve recommendation: Heavy Trucks and equipment emergencies	0-
Highway Equipment	\$40,000
Highway Trucks	\$70,000
New Reserve, Master Plan	\$ 2,000
New Reserve, Library Land Acquisition	-0-
Library Facilities	\$ 3,000
Library Technology	\$ 2,000
Land Acquisition ~ Municipal Facilities	\$20,000
Solid Waste building Addition	\$ 7,500
Solid Waste Equipment	\$ 7,500
Police Cruisers	\$19,700
Smith Ballfield & Equipment	\$10,000
New Reserve, Shirley Cemetery	\$ 2,000
Meetinghouse Restoration	\$ 2,000
Dry Hydrants	\$ 2,500
Fire Trucks	\$30,000
Tax Maps	\$35,000
Highway Bldg Expansion	\$25,000
Davis Crossing Culvert/bridge	-0-
Sidewalks	-0-
Satellite Fire Station	-0-
Revaluation	\$20,000
Total Capital Reserves:	\$298,200

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Mrs. Whittaker will revisit contract pricing re tax maps with the board at the next business meeting.

Account 4916 Expendable Trusts

Board approved Accrued Benefit Liability	\$ 3,000 \$10,500	
Board approved Office Systems with increase for server to	\$10,300	
Board approved Forest Fire Control	\$ 3,500	
Records Management	\$ 500	
Town Buildings & Improvements : Discussion Concerns expressed that the Fire Station Addition had no money recommended for		
completion of the addition BOS recommendation	\$12,000	
BOS recommended FD Plymovent System for exhaust fumes		
BOS recommended labor to install new steel beams be donated to address wall s @ FD \$ 2,500	support	
BOS recommended generator switch & outside housing re PD generator	\$ 5,000	
BOS recommended emergency light repairs to PD, HD, & Town Hall	\$ 5,000	
BOS recommended PD building addition on condition	\$29,000	
BOS recommended Town Hall annex roof & improvement to storage room	\$ 6,700	
Total town buildings Recommended	\$97,000	
Total Expendable Trusts	\$114,500	
The Board did <u>not</u> recommend monies for the following at this time:		
 Renovations to the FD radio room \$6,150 Renovations to the old meeting room to office space and meeting and rec\$15,750 	eption	
□ FD New main entry to the office area		
□ New Bulletin Board\$3,000		

Chairman Rhoades noted the time at 10:35 PM, and requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion Gehl, second Rhoades, to adjourn at 10:35 PM, vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted April Whittaker Approved Minutes \sim Board of Selectmen January 15th, 2009 Page 4