

**TOWN OF OLD ORCHARD BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007 – 7:15 P.M.**

A Town Council Budget Workshop was called by Chairman Joseph Kline on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the following budgets:

20137 – Lifeguards; 20202 - CIP – Fire Department; 20207 – CIP – School Department; 202151 – Public Works; 20133 – Dispatch; 20131 – Police Department; Salaries for all departments; and any budgets that were unable to be discussed at the previous budget workshops.

**Attendance:** Councilor Roxanne Frenette  
Councilor Robin Dayton  
Councilor James Long  
Chairman Joseph Kline  
Vice Chairman Shawn O’Neill

**Also in attendance:** James Thomas – Town Manager  
V. Louise Reid – Assistant Town Manger  
Jill Eastman, Finance Director  
Eric Matthews, Superintendent of Schools

The following adjustments were made to the budget:

**20137 – Lifeguards;**

No changes to what the Town Manager has suggested.

**20202 - CIP – Fire Department;**

Hydrolic Stretcher for the Paramedics to reduce our exposure to back injuries and they will not have to bend over and will provide more safety for our staff. The cost is \$10,000 is well worth the cost because the cost of medical and disability payments far outweigh this. SCBA Compressor – this is the second payment; first payment approved last year. These were agreed to remain in the budget proposal.

Rescue Fire Engine - \$400,000 – This would be the first responder piece of equipment. It would be possible to carry all the necessary equipment and therefore we would not need to send three pieces of equipment but just the fire engine and the rescue unit. Now is the time to do that. Prices are changing and every year the price increases and because of engine changes it will go up \$15,000 to \$20,000 more. Our present equipment is aging and costing for repairs. One piece of our equipment would be eliminated and the other would be used for back up. The question was asked if we were going to be able to get the equipment out of the

building. This would be an open bid. The balance of the fund is \$239,000 and we will be billing and getting revenue throughout this process. It would take nine months to be delivered but during this time we would be able to have funds put into the account. The question was asked how much is owed out of that account. The revenues have to sustain the debt. The question was asked about lease purchase. There is a significant advantage to the dealer in this type of purchase. It was requested that the Town Manager look into the lease process. It was also suggested that it go through the RFP process. It was mentioned that about \$30,000 repair will be needed on the present equipment if we do not purchase this new piece equipment. The Committee was formed approximately six months ago when the need was seen and they talked to various manufacturers and rode on the trucks and looked into the process as well. The intent of the Rescue billing fund was to reduce the load on the citizens and to be used for the purchase of additional equipment.

Item - \$200,000 designated and look into the lease possibility and further down the road discussion will continue which means it is an active issue.

20207 – CIP – School Department; The Superintendent of Schools represented the School Council. This is something new that the School is coming before the Council separately for the CIP. We are trying to separate operational and equipment needs; the intent here is to define the equipment needs.

Replace 1970's Merlin Phone System w IP Protocol Communication Systems. Cost increased if	\$ 30,000
Upgrade security system surveillance cameras	
Cafeteria and two HS Classroom Carpeted	15,000
Gym Bleachers	6,500
Roof Repair	8,000
Tennis Courts	45,000
Gym Bleachers – Loranger	45,000
Four Rooms Carpeted	11,000
Locker Room Roof	15,000
Locker Room Windows & Gym Windows	12,000
Masonry – Northwest Wall	16,500
Masonry – Southwest Wall	7,500
Masonry – Southwest Wall	15,000
Bathrooms – 6,7,8	60,000
Jameson School – 2 rooms carpeted	5,500
Kitchen Roof Section	<u>11,700</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>320,400</u></b>

**It was suggested that technology also be included in the CIP budget. The question was raised about the brick and mortar needs. Have we done a recent synopsis of our needs? We have not hired anyone to do a facilities need. Section 609.1 says repair of the school is the responsibility of the School Board. A CIP item is something that lasts more than three years and costs more than \$500,000. The desire is to have a dedicated CIP fund for the School.**

**This issue was not able to get a consensus.**

**202151 – Public Works; Discussion was on the road, paving, sidewalks and rotary projects that are considered for the coming years.**

**\$285,000 was added to CIP and \$170,000 was transferred from Vehicle Replacement to Road Maintenance for the above including Washington Avenue, Temple Avenue. Delete the position for public works - \$60,000.**

**20133 – Dispatch;**

**Eliminate the position of Director and position of Dispatcher – reduce budget by \$75,658. Add \$225,000 in CIP towards new equipment and more put aside next year.**

**New positions for dispatch were removed - \$75,658.**

**20131 – Police Department;**

**Eliminate the position for police officer - \$60,000.**

**20118 – Contingency; was reduced by \$50,000 for County Tax from \$121,500 to \$71,500 for the County Tax portion. Total Contingency budget now \$101,500.**

**Salaries for all departments; and any budgets that were unable to be discussed at this workshop will be considered at a workshop on May 30, 2007.**

**The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**V. Louise Reid  
Secretary to the Town Council**

**I, V. Louise Reid, Secretary to the Town Council of Old Orchard Beach, do hereby certify that the foregoing document consisting of three (3) pages is a true copy of the original Minutes of the Town Council Workshop held on May 23, 2007.**

**V. Louise Reid**