

February 11, 2002

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2002**

Present:     Arnold Wilson, Chairman  
              George Dib  
              Hal White  
              Charles Blanchard  
              Doris Sosik  
              James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:   To approve the minutes of February 4, 2002 as amended,  
              by C. Blanchard.**  
      **2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik**  
      **Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION:   To approve the executive session minutes of February 2,  
              2002 as submitted, to remain confidential, by C.  
              Blanchard.**  
      **2<sup>nd</sup>:   D. Sosik**  
      **Vote: All in favor.**

**Budget**

Police Chief Thomas Button, Sgt. Tom Ford and Sgt. Alan Curboy appeared before the Board. Chief Button explained that the Police Department is short-handed in the area of full-time staff, and two additional full-time officers are needed. He said that the reserve program is not a cost effective way of dealing with the issue. It is necessary to train reserve officers for use of firearms, defibrillator, and corrections procedures, and last year it cost \$9,595 for that training. Also, it is difficult to keep reserve officers current, since there are often large gaps in their service. Last year one reserve officer went for a period of four months without working. Regarding level of service, a reserve officer does not get as much training as a full-time person.

Sgt. Ford and Sgt. Curboy gave the Board an outline of the shifts and expressed the need for additional full-time officers.

Chief Button informed the Board that officers spend 20-24 hours/week on clerical work, and indicated that they need more help in that area also.

The Board agreed to put a hold on voting on salaries.

**Stipends –**

**MOTION:** To increase all stipends by 5%, by C. Blanchard.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** G. Dib

**Vote:** Two in favor; H. White, A. Wilson and D. Sosik opposed.

The motion was defeated.

H. White noted that the purpose of a stipend is to cover the expenses of service on a particular board.

**MOTION:** To increase all stipends by 3%, by C. Blanchard.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** H. White

**Vote:** All in favor.

**Board of Selectmen –**

J. Malloy indicated that line item #11222-57000 Other Charges should be \$2,950; line item #11222-57100 In-State Travel should be \$1,500.

**Town Administrator –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #11231-51120 Dept. Head Salary.

**Treasurer/Collector –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #11452-52000 Purchase of Services.

**Town Counsel –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #11512-52000 Purchase of Services.

**Senior Center –**

The Board decided to reduce line item #11952-54000 Supplies to \$550 to remove \$250 for painting.

**Police Department –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #12101-51910 Tuition Reimbursement based on potential changes in the contract.

**Education –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #13002-53000 Burgess Elementary School.

**MOTION: To raise line item #13002-53220 Tantasqua School Committee 3.3% to \$1,808, by G. Dib.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

The Board decided to hold on line items: 13002-53200 Tantasqua Town Share; #13002-53210 Tantasqua Transportation Assessment; and #13002-53230 Tantasqua Debt Assessment; .

**Highway Department –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #14201-51130 Salaries/Wages. Line item #14202-54000 Supplies was increased to \$56,425.

**Town Road Maintenance –**

**MOTION: To approve line item #14212-52430 Road Construction in the amount of \$150,000, by G. Dib.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Blanchard**

**Vote: all in favor.**

**Inspections & Testing –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #15202-53150 Public Accommodation Inspector.

**Council on Aging –**

The Board decided to hold on line item #15411-51130 Salaries/Wages.

**MOTION: To approve all line items that do not have holds on them, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Dib**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Safety Complex –**

The Board decided to increase line item #11972-52000 Purchase of Services to allow for two new prison potties to be purchased.

**Recreation –**

The Board decided to reduce line item #16302-52000 Purchase of Services by \$400 to account for the increase in the Highway Department.

**Central Purchasing –**

The Board decided to increase line item #19152-52310 Telephone by \$750 to provide cell phones for the Board of Health Agent and Building Inspector, to improve communications between the two inspectors and town staff.

**MOTION: To approve \$2,950 for Board of Selectmen line item #11222-57000 Other Charges, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To approve a 4% increase to \$30,197 for line item #11231-51130 Salaries/Wages, plus adjustment for one day, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: G. Dib**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To approve \$10,425 for line item #11452-54000 Treasurer/Collector supplies, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: D. Sosik**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To fund line item #11952-54000 Senior Center Supplies at \$550, by G. Dib.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Blanchard**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**MOTION: To approve \$826,492 for line item #12101-51130 Police Dept. Salaries/Wages, by C. Blanchard.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

**Group Insurance –**

**MOTION: To recommend that the Town pay a share of 55% for Group Insurance, by G. Dib.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: C. Blanchard**

**Vote: Two in favor; one opposed; H. White and D. Sosik abstained.**

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The motion carried.

The Board of Selectmen approved the budgets submitted and included the wage information that was in the February 4, 2002 update (copy on file) and the February 1, 2002 update (copy on file).

**Other Business**

J. Malloy will provide the Board with a copy of the schedule regarding excess Chapter 70 funds.

G. Dib asked whether there was a policy regarding idling school buses. J. Malloy will look into it.

**MOTION: To adjourn, by G. Dib.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: H. White**

**Vote: All in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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BOS Clerk

Date