

WOLFEBORO BUDGET COMMITTEE

December 8, 2011

Minutes

Members Present: John MacDonald, Chairman, Stan Stevens, Vice-Chairman, Dave Senecal, Selectmen's Representative, Robert Moholland, Brian Black, John Burt, Allan Bailey, Frank Giebutowski, Bob Tougher, Members.

Member Absent: Harold Parker, Member.

Staff Present: Dave Owen, Town Manager, Pete Chamberlain, Finance Director, Phil Morrill, Chief, Wolfeboro Fire Department, Stu Chase, Chief, Dean Rondeau, Lieutenant, Wolfeboro Police Department, Joe Balboni, Ron Goodgame, Robert Copeland, Police Commissioners, Lee Ann Keathley, Secretary.

Chairman MacDonald called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the Wolfeboro Inn Ballroom.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

John Burt asked if there is a facility available for people to go to during power outages.

Phil Morrill replied the Public Safety Building.

FIRE/RESCUE

John MacDonald questioned part time wages.

Phil Morrill stated such is for call shift to cover full time shifts.

John MacDonald questioned the number of call firefighters.

Phil Morrill replied 9.

John Burt questioned the increase in vehicle maintenance; noting such is above the five year average.

Phil Morrill stated such was reduced by \$2,000 to meet the 1% decrease guideline requested by the BOS. He stated \$7,000 has been encumbered and he is currently awaiting bills from the garage.

Bob Moholland questioned the five year average for office supplies.

John Burt replied \$2,727.

Phil Morrill stated he has \$3,686 encumbered.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Bob Moholland to decrease 42200.610, General Operating Supplies, from \$6,000 to \$4,500. Frank Giebutowski, Bob Moholland, John Burt, John MacDonald voted in favor. Allan Bailey, Bob Tougher, Stan Stevens, Brian Black opposed. The motion failed.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

John Burt questioned the increase in electric when the rates have not increased.

Phil Morrill stated such reflects actual usage.

John MacDonald questioned the increase in office supplies.

Phil Morrill stated such is related to hiring a cleaning service.

Frank Giebutowski questioned the increase in propane gas.

Allan Bailey questioned the size of the tanks.

Phil Morrill replied two 1,000 gallon tanks.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Public Safety Building Telephone System Upgrade, 49610.760; \$13,100

Phil Morrill stated the current system is 10 years old and services the Fire Department, Police Department and Communications Center. He stated the current system has no warranty.

Gravel & Drainage Fire Substation, 49609.730; \$12,000

Phil Morrill stated he originally requested \$52,000 however; the BOS reduced it to \$12,000. He requested the Committee consider the original request due to the major drainage issues at the substation.

POLICE

Stu Chase stated a 2% COLA to nonunion employees was approved; noting such was based on the 2010 hourly rate because no COLA was approved for 2011. He stated four employees opted out of the retirement plan and noted 2012 marks the final year of the lease agreement for the vehicles.

John Burt questioned hourly wages, specifically the grant for the police officer.

Stu Chase stated the grant was awarded in 2010 and implemented in September 2011; noting the grant funded a position for three years with the Town obligated to fund one additional year.

Bob Moholland questioned overtime; noting such is consistently over expended.

Stu Chase stated the department lost 2 patrol officers in May 2011 and noted some of the overtime is reimbursed through grants.

John Burt questioned summer salaries; noting four officers were requested in 2010 however, 2 were requested in 2011.

Stu Chase stated he is requesting 3 officers for 2012 because two officers did not meet all the needs.

Bob Moholland questioned whether the Town pays liability insurance on the police dog.

Pete Chamberlain stated there is no extra cost for such.

Referencing Canine Overtime, Bob Moholland stated the law states 3.5 hours of overtime is given to a police officer for care of the dog (distributed paperwork relative to such); noting Wolfeboro's canine officer receives 5 hours of overtime per week (difference of \$2,938.50).

Stu Chase stated such is based on a decision of the Fair Standards Act and the Department is obliged by agreement previously made with the canine officer.

John MacDonald stated such is a contractual item and should be in the union contract.

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Bob Tougher to decrease 42110.425 Canine Overtime by \$2,938.50.

Discussion of the motion:

Dave Senecal questioned whether the agreement is to continue with that specific officer and if so, could the amount be renegotiated.

Ron Goodgame stated it would be a tragic mistake to reduce the canine overtime. He stated the department has already met the guidelines to decrease the budget by 1% therefore, he doesn't feel the Budget Committee has the right to manage the budget and noted that the Chief manages the budget. He stated the Budget Committee is micromanaging the department.

Frank Giebutowski stated he disagrees with the Police Commissioner's view of the Budget Committee's role.

Dave Owen stated the agreement is not written in the police contract; noting it has been the past practice and agreement to pay the officer 5 hours of overtime per week. He stated that if the funding is removed, the department is still obligated to pay for 5 hours of overtime. He stated the agreement should be changed at the time of hire of a new officer.

Bob Tougher questioned the need for the dog in Wolfeboro; noting such should be re-evaluated once the dog retires.

Referencing the paperwork distributed by Mr. Moholland, Brian Black stated he read such as case law and noted the salary should be negotiated separately.

Stan Stevens agreed with Mr. Black; noting there is no binding statute.

It was moved by Bob Moholland and seconded by Bob Tougher to decrease 42110.425 Canine Overtime by \$2,938.50. John Burt, Bob Moholland voted in favor. Allan Bailey, Brian Black, Stan Stevens, Frank Giebutowski, John MacDonald opposed. The motion failed.

John MacDonald asked the Police Commission why they agreed to a 2% increase to nonunion employees when other Town nonunion employees are receiving 1%.

Ron Goodgame stated the employees only received a stipend in 2011; noting the 2% was a way to make up for that mistake.

John MacDonald questioned the tower project at the Public Safety Building.

Dave Owen stated Phase 1 was not completed; noting the premise of the cost estimate was for a 100' tower however, the tower did not meet New England wind and snow load requirements.

Allan Bailey asked what happened to the money.

Dave Owen stated the funds were rescinded.

COMMUNICATIONS

Stu Chase stated a 2% COLA was granted to nonunion employees; noting a tentative agreement has been made with union employees.

Referencing 42990.390 Other Purchased Services, specifically Management Information System, Stu Chase stated he just received the new contract which noted an increase in \$150. He requested the figure be adjusted to reflect the increase in the contract.

It was moved by Bob Tougher and seconded by Allan Bailey to increase 42990.390 Other Purchased Services, specifically Management Information System, from \$5,585 to \$5,690. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Stu Chase stated a 2% COLA was granted to two part time animal control officers.

Allan Bailey questioned the number of calls.

Stu Chase replied 168 in 2010.

It was moved by John Burt and seconded by Stan Stevens adjourn the December 8, 2011 Budget Committee meeting. All members voted in favor.

Budget Committee meeting scheduled for December 9, 2011 at the Wolfeboro Public Library @ 6:00 PM.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ann Keathley

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*****Please note these minutes are subject to approval and amendments at a later date.***