

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 20, 2018

Members Present: Carl Hagstrom, Winston Wright, Virginia Doerpholz, Martin Nolan, Kathy Stark, Ben Thomas, Debbie Favreau, and Selectman's Representative, Nancy Carney

Members Absent: Andrew Wood

Mr. Hagstrom began the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Ms. Stark made a motion to accept the minutes of 12-13-18 and Ms. Doerpholz seconded. All members voted in favor.

For informational purposes only, Mr. Hagstrom shared to the group that the Library would like to add a rider to their insurance to adequately protect their artifacts. They indicated that they would be talking to the Selectman concerning this.

Mr. Hagstrom also mentioned that he got clarification on the administrative assistant position from Chief DiSalvo. It seems the former assistant worked 30 hours per week but requested a reduction in her hours due to other employment for which she was accommodated. Chief DiSalvo wants the newly hired assistant to work the 30 hours per week and to be available to assist the public Monday through Friday. He also provided a breakdown of salaries as was requested at last week's meeting.

Members were asked to review the budgets of the Highway Department & the Transfer Station.

Highway Department: Gene Cuomo presented this budget. As customary, Mr. Hagstrom inquired on the personnel. Mr. Cuomo stated he has 4 full time, including himself, and 2 part time employees. Ms. Stark asked about Line 685 Materials and Mr. Cuomo responded that this was for cold patch to do road repairs. She also noticed Line 120 PT Salaries did not show any expended to date. Gene stated this was combined with the FT Salaries expended to date. Mr. Hagstrom asked why the increase in Line 688 Culverts. Mr. Cuomo answered that he needs to replace some culverts using metal and that the cost of metal is more expensive. The answer was the same for Mr. Hagstrom's inquiry on the increase in Line 693 Snow Plow Repair; that the cost of steel has increased. Mr. Wright mentioned that there was nothing expended to date on Line 640 Oil. Mr. Cuomo indicated that this was for engine and hydraulic oil and that he had just put in an order, which will last him well into 2019.

Transfer Station: Gene Cuomo presented this budget. Again, Mr. Hagstrom questioned the number of employees. Mr. Cuomo stated there were 3 part time employees and that he has a great crew. He shared that the only increase to the budget is for salaries. He then went on to say that we no longer recycle glass as the costs are too high for disposal and even more if they find any contamination. Ms. Stark asked what line shows the removal costs and Mr. Cuomo replied it is in Line 318 Labor Contract Services. She wanted to know if the costs will be higher because of the glass for which Mr. Cuomo responded that he won't know just yet. Ms. Doerpholz asked if he had any plans to start charging the residents for their trash, such as buying the bags or a per bag charge. He stated that charging would be up to the citizens and the Selectman.

With no other questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by Marion Wheeler