

BOS Meeting 11/20/19

The chair opened the meeting at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen announcements: no

Citizen's Forum: no

Consent Agenda: No changes

RKO motioned and Karl 2nd.

Old Business: JR BAC Rep: We are looking for volunteers for someone to be the representative. We will put it on the website to find a Rindge Volunteers. Bob thanked Burt Goodrich for all his hard work.

Roberta stated that Shelley came in to do training on Avitar. Brendan worked on the sketches so he will be set up on the citizen room. Brendan Aldridge is an FPU student is going to be doing the sketches for us.

Authorization of signing of Health Trust Insurance by the Chair. Roberta Motioned, Karl Seconded. Approved 3-0-0

The Police Department computer needs a new data switch. Roberta motioned to make a motion that the TA computer be replaced and the switch at the police department be replaced asap. Karl seconded, approved 3-0-0

Wish List: The departments have given a list of what they would like for the excess in the budget. In addition to the list the town office will need a new laptop for recording the meetings. The fire department needs a security system etc.

Roberta stated that we need more monies in the legal budget and also welfare. Bob stated that we don't know exactly what we have left over in the budget. In order to encumber we have to have an invoice to do so. Bob asked Laurie if we had any ideas of monies that will be left over at the end of the year.

Bob asked if Mike could get salt and sand at will. Roberta stated that if he could get the material in the next week or so.

Bob went through the wish list as follows:

Karl motioned that the town clerk, tax collector, police and technology groups have the necessary items from the wish list, seconded by Roberta. Dan Whitney asked what amount of unanticipated revenue we had at this time. Approved 3-0-0

Highway and Fire wish list items have been tabled at this time.

ZBA – Advertising will be made smaller only to comply with the RSA. They will also be discussing the costs to notifying abutters as well as the cost of the application fee. Roberta stated that the applicant should be writing a check to the post office for the abutters.

The adjusted budget should be what is reflected in the wages.

Holly Koski asked if the clients had to make out checks for postage as well as the application registry of deeds. These fees are currently part of the application fee of \$175.00.

The Planning Board budget is flat this year. Ellen asked if there was a three year average on the postage and advertising. Laurie provided the information.

Conservation Commission – The budget presented is flat. There was no adjustment in wage for Con Comm secretary last year. Roberta stated that there is a pay plan that is being worked on for 2020. There was discussion regarding the wages and whether or not it is a stipend. The secretary is also a member of Con Comm and is paid for attending the meetings. Roberta stated that there are no other Committees that pay the secretaries other than land use Boards.

Dan said that it sounds like they are confusing two issues. Determine what positions are stipend and what are hourly. David asked if he thought that the hourly wage was accurate, and he stated that it was low. Ellen stated that the position is a part-time hourly position. She said that if other employees in town received a 3% raise then he should have been given the increase. Roberta said that it has been confusing because he is a member of Con Comm. David Casey stated if the stipend is \$2000 then it should be discussed at a later time. Cheryl stated that she was the secretary for Con Comm and she was hired and was not a member. Karl stated that if they need a person as secretary and they are doing that much more work, then the rate of pay should be renegotiated. The secretary is also attending the meeting as a member.

Ambulance – The ambulance budget is flat. Over the past year the J-R Ambulance has 2 vehicles. Late December last year Peterborough had approached Rindge and Jaffrey because they had been supplementing the ambulance. The Jaffrey ambulance is not doing private details, they have a duty crew for each shift. Jaffrey asked for a budget increase from \$30,000 to \$50,000 and Rick stated that he recommended that they settle at \$40,000. Jim Qualey asked if there is access to the Jaffrey Ambulance accounts. They did give us a complete budget.

Mutual Aid – Rick stated that he contacted Mutual aid this morning and he is waiting for the numbers for 2020. The budget amount will be flat for next year until there is more information. It will likely be higher than the 63,218 budgeted for this year.

EMS – The EMS figure is down \$200 from last year. The equipment and materials line was down but now it is back on track from the non-discretionary spending.

Fire Department – The increases in insurance and the 53 pay periods created an increase in wages. The rescue vehicle is going to be replaced and it could be around \$250,000. There is a

vendor that is offering \$15,000 for the trade and the actual vehicle would be \$243,000. The warrant article should be \$265,000 with a \$15,000 trade in. The \$243,000 is before the trade-in value.

Rick has been working on a defibrillator and it will be in service for 2020 but it needs to be upgrade. Rick stated that a lot of departments are leasing the equipment and that way they can be upgraded rather than having to be purchased to replace. Rick is working on what the best option is for a lease. Ellen asked if it would have to go on a warrant article because it is a lease. Roberta stated that we need to check on whether this has to be on the warrant. Dennis Casey stated that Swanzey leases their equipment and it is 60 payments.

Fire Department Operating – flat

Laurie stated that the CIP met but there was not a quorum. Teltech met and there were e-mails going out by Tim with other towns jumping in.

Town Gown Committee met yesterday. Football is done for this year.

School Feasibility Study will have the last meeting tomorrow. The approval of the study will be done tomorrow and will be loaded onto the SAU website.

Motion to adjourn – Karl, Roberta