

**Budget Committee Meeting  
April 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Call to Order: 6:30pm**

**Present: Terry Brackett; Chair, Dan Day; Co Chair, Bruce Cobb, Constance Bodine, Eric Armundsen, Howard Butler, Lawrence Nash. Also Present were Jay Feyler; Town Manager and Laura Curtis Secretary.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve minutes of 1/11/17:**

**Motion by: Dan Day to approve minutes**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bruce Cobb**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Highway Department Budget: Orrin Parker from the Public Works Department discussed the budget items for that Department. Terry Brackett asked about items under budget per what was actually spent. He is also worried about the building maintenance and condensation.**

**Motion by: Dan Day to approve Article 28 for \$535,380.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lawrence Nash**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion by: Howard Butler to approve Article 29 for \$400,000**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lawrence Nash**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**The Reserves Budget will be voted on at one time but the Highway Reserve Budget and the Bridge Budget were discussed and all agreed was okay as is.**

**Fire Department Budget: Kevin Soule stated that it is a flat budget this year with no changes. He stated that in January he will need to raise employees a dollar per hour due to the minimum wage going up and wanted to keep above the minimum wage. He also stated that some lines were over budget for 2017 but others were not. The radio system will have to be updated down the road due to federal mandates. This will not happen in 2018 but within ten years it will.**

**Eric Armundsen questioned weather the fire training course at the Vocation Ed help – Kevin stated no but something is being worked on to help with that. Dan questioned the medical evals and hepatitis and Kevin stated that we have to have these. Terry stated that the dues line was way high in 2016.**

**Fire Reserve account is up by \$5,000 which is needed to keep up with replacements. Fire Equipment reserves has not changed.**

**There were no questions regarding these two lines.**

**Hydrant Rental there is not much that can be done with that.**

**Cemetery Budget: Myrna Soule**

Bruce Cobb asked if there is money coming into the Cemetery Funds. Myrna stated that when a plot is sold 20% goes into the operating and 80% goes into reserves for perpetual care. We have increased the updating records line due to having a college student who is able to do the work at this time. This coming year we will be doing more of it.

The question was raised what goes into Miscellaneous and Myrna stated everything that doesn't fit in other categories.

**Motion by: Bruce Cobb to accept Article 36**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Eric Amundsen**

**Vote: Unanimous**

Cemetery Reserve Repairs: has been decreased to \$2,500 the committee had a discussion and felt all right with this.

Assessor's Budget: James Murphy discussed the budget item for the GIS and Tax Map conversion to put all of the data online.

**Motion by: Eric Armundsen to approve Article 44**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dan Day**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Motion by: Howard Butler to approve Article 15 Abatements of \$6,000 from fund balance**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dan Day**

**Vote: Unanimous**

The committee reviewed Administration Salary and discussed this. Then felt it was okay.

Cable TV franchise fee goes to the Town and it is used for Public Service.

**Motion by: Bruce Cobb to approve Article 37**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Eric Armundsen**

**Vote: Unanimous**

Insurances for Risk and Group have both gone up this is part of Article 27.

**Motion by: Dan Day to adjourn**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Howard Butler**

**Vote: Unanimous**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura J Curtis, Secretary