

Lincoln Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015

Present: Helen Jones, Alfred "Butch" Burbank, Tamra Ham, Lutz Wallem, Cindy Lloyd, Beverly Hall, Herbert Gardner, Susan Chenard, Mike Simons, Martin Nastasia, Ivan Strickon Clark Wrye.

Absent: Ed Peterson Sr.

Audience: Bill Willey, Louise Willey, Patricia McTeague, Katie Mack, Peter Govoni, David Beaudin, Edmond Gionet, Jayne Ludwig.

Mike Simons called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Motion: "To approve the minutes of January 8, 2015 as written."

Motion: Herbert Gardner. Second: Tamra Ham. Motion carried.

Motion: "To approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 as amended."

Motion: Lutz Wallem. Second: Ivan Strickon. Motion carried.

Review of Cemetery Budget – Peter Govoni

The budget committee reviewed the Cemetery Budget.

Discussion:

- 2 Line items added – Burial Wages and Burial Backhoe – used to be covered in Public Works department. Offsetting revenue from burial fees would cover this cost, but was covered in past by PW. Recent RSA interpretation prompted this move, but logistics will be discussed further at 1/22/15 meeting.
- Engineering & Surveying cost – non-recurring, due to planned expansion.

Review of Sewer Budget – William Willey

The budget committee reviewed the Sewer Budget.

Discussion:

- Headwork's cleaning, including debris removal and Route 3 pump station work, and Levee Maintenance, due to high water, are new budgeted costs this year.
- Sludge study must be done every 3 years
- Planned Equipment purchases are for aerators, motors, etc.

Review of Public Works – Bill Willey

The budget committee reviewed the Public Works Budget.

Discussion:

- Internet upgraded from dial up to high speed.
- Telephone includes cell phones
- 4 ceiling mount furnaces w/ cracked fireboxes to be replaced with 2 new ones in garage
- Crack Sealing – contractor won't come for less than a day and plenty to do anyhow – 1 day budgeted
- Equipment Repair and Replacement – tries to be specific when he knows what it will be



Review of Water Budget – William Willey

The budget committee reviewed the Water Budget.

Discussion:

- Telephone and Alarms –switched from radio system to cell phones.
- Dues and Conferences - adding additional operator who has to take some classes, besides usual classes to keep up license, etc.
- Tree removal – 5' diameter bow pine removal by pump station needs professionals
- Water and clear well issues resolved, and generators fixed – so these cost will drop as indicated
- Side-by-side ATV to be purchased to access Loon Pond and many other uses. We can not keep expecting Loon to provide us with access to Loon Pond forever.
- Chemicals - switched suppliers to one with better costs and storage options, but higher minimum. As more homes, etc. come online, will be meeting that anyhow.

Review of Personnel Administration – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed the Personnel Administration Budget.

Discussion:

- Increase in Health/Dental insurance for Union members per contract. Town investigated other options for non-union employees, but none better than what we have, and those rates remained flat.
- Unemployment costs have gone down
- Formal Education per Town Policy and Union Contract – one officer getting degree and taking advantage of this option

Review of Town Hall Building – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed the Town Hall Building Budget.

Discussion:

- Floor – strip and wax – underestimated this past year. Now at actual cost.
- General maintenance – includes new carpet downstairs and some other projects. No longer in CIP as smaller project.
- Stairs to attic – almost done. Don't expect to use all budgeted for 2015, but safer for unforeseen issues.

Review of Health Agencies – Butch Burbank

The budget committee reviewed the Health Agencies Budget.

Discussion:

- Reviewed by line item.

Discussion of increased budget in general

- Preparing for larger tax base that will use all departments at some point
- Very few money items as additional warrant articles expected

Police:

Motion: "To recommend \$974,564.00 for the Police Budget."

Motion: Tamra Ham. Second: Cindy Lloyd Motion carried.

Emergency Management:

Motion: "To recommend \$9,800.00 for the Emergency Management Department Budget."

Motion: Ivan Strickon. Second: Herbert Gardner. Motion carried.

Executive:

Motion: "To recommend \$352,170.00 for the Executive Budget."

Motion: Tamra Ham. Second: Herbert Gardner. Motion carried.

Recreation:

Motion: "To recommend \$233,216.00 for the Recreation Budget."

Motion: Ivan Strickon. Second: Herbert Gardner. Motion carried.

Community Building:

Motion: "To recommend \$111,003.00 for the Community Building Budget."

Motion: Herbert Gardner. Second: Tamra Ham. Motion carried.

Solid Waste:

Motion: "To recommend \$349,979.00 for the Solid Waste Budget."

Motion: Beverly Hall. Second: Tamra Ham. Motion carried.

An additional budget committee meeting to review all budgets will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at 5:00pm.

Review of Meeting Schedule:

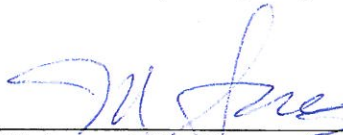
The next Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday January 22, 2015 at 5:00pm Insurance, Welfare, Special Warrant Articles, Capital Reserve and Patriotic Purposes.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:25 pm by Herbert Gardner: seconded by Cindy Lloyd. Motion carried.

Date:

1/22/15

Approved:



Chairman: Mike Simons