

**BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 3, 2023**  
**Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH**  
**(video available on YouTube) (approved as ammended)**

**ATTENDING:** Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Wayne Baltzer, Paul Beaudin, Tracey Brumlik, Ray D'Amante, Dennis Ducharme, Brian Gallagher, Brent Hansma, Cindy Lloyd, Al Poulin, Jim Spanos Zoom: Ray D'Amante

**Absent:** Selectperson Tammy Ham

**Audience:** Town Manager Carina Park, Lin-Wood Ambulance Chief David Tauber

**Call to order: 5:33 pm**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION: "To approve minutes from December 8, 2022."**

Motion: Herb                      Second: Brent                      Approved unanimously

Carina passes out a sheet that lists the increases on the operational budget.

**DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS:**

**HEALTH AGENCIES:** Lin-Wood Ambulance Chief David Tauber reports that \$125,000 is being requested from Woodstock also. Since 2017 there has been no increase requested. There were 1000 calls last year, 500 of which were not billable or collectable due to not transporting anyone. Since 2017 they have fundraised approximately \$1,300,000 which has paid for all supplies and equipment, including 2 ambulances and 3 defibrillators/EKG machines. The amount being asked for is just to pay the salaries of the volunteers, the one hourly employee and the three officers. The grants they receive are restricted and can't be used for salaries. There is one paramedic who is paid hourly, but the others are paid when they work stand-by shifts for 12 hr. and when they go on a call they get an extra stipend.

Carina reports that Transport Central went up due to gas prices and The Bridge Project went up due to adding another staff member. Paul reports that Woodstock has recommended \$3000 for The Bridge Project instead of the \$7500 being asked for.

**PLANNING:** Carina reports on the increases and decreases. The overtime wages went down and wages went up due to the Planner position going from an hourly position back to a salary position. Responsibilities were moved around and the Planning Assistant is now the Tax Collector too so that line went up. Code Enforcement wages were moved to the Executive budget. There is a typo on the Short-Term Rentals Management line. It is not a 100% increase. **Granicus** has found about 200 of these rentals that are not registered and they will contact them about paying. NCC dues were reduced by 40% with the services

being offered. Engineering and Technical Review line was reduced by 42% because **Ray Korbor** is being used for town projects not building permit projects.

**STREET LIGHTS:** Carina reports that we pay on a per pole basis plus a usage fee per pole. They are not metered and they have not all been changed to LED yet. We pay whether they are on or off.

**LONG TERM DEBT:** Carina reports that the 1993 Water Treatment Plant has terminated. The 2003 Water System Improvement and the 2003 Sewer Sludge Removal will terminate in 2023. A firetruck for \$750,000 over 10 years will be added. We are still awaiting quotes for the water main on Route 3, Riverfront Park remediation and the Police/Fire building. The sewer capacity study states that we are in good standing as of now, but that upgrade will be in the \$20-40 million range. Metering would offset those costs, but to apply for federal grants we have to have water meters.

**MOTION: "To adjourn at 6:47 pm."**

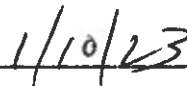
Motion: Paul

Second: Herb

Motion carries unanimously



Chairman Mike Simons



Date: