

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Present: Chairman Gallagher, Selectmen Diorio, Darcy, McCosker and Rideout; and T.A. Collins.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Members of the Budget Committee were also present at this meeting (Peter Zavorotny, William Nebelski, Mo Klein, James MacDonell, Kaylah Hemlow, and Sean Leary. Lewis Major arrived later.)

T.A. Collins handed out proposed warrant and estimated revenues information. She stated that Todd was here to speak on Article 8 (*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,000 for the purpose of hiring two police officers, or act in any manner thereon. The funds include salary; overtime; holiday; life insurance retirement; unemployment; and health care.*)

Questions and discussion followed. Todd indicated that call volume is up, there are officer safety concerns, and there is no coverage if the sole officer on shift is out of town dealing with an issue of court transport or medical transport. He gave examples of increases in types of calls, crime, and comparisons. We are the busiest town per capita. He answered both board's questions on reasons for increase in calls. Currently we have 8 officers including the SRO with one in the academy and one going through oral boards. Examples were given in overtime payments and the amount Todd is offsetting overtime by coming in on the midnight shift. Members asked what alternative hiring scenarios might be and what the results or impacts might be. There was discussion of different tax rate projections. Select board and Budget Committee expressed concern regarding rising tax rate projections. T.A. Collins made suggestions to cut or reduce various articles and explained what the tax rate would be with those changes.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to remove Articles 10 (re: Rubeor Drive Construction Fund), 11 (re: old Police Department building), 13 (re: Town Hall Improvement Fund) and 17 (re: Police Department Radio Equipment), second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to reduce Article 9 (re: Fire Apparatus Fund) from \$80,000 to \$40,000, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve Article 8 (re: hiring Police Officers) as written for \$184,000.00, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the board of an amount correction and date correction to Article 18. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve Article 18 (re: Hinsdale Historical Society) in the amount of \$3000., second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve Article 19 (Community Volunteer Transportation Company) in the amount of 500.00, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

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Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve Article 20 (re: Hundred Nights Inc.) in the amount of \$250.00, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 21 (re: Conservation Fund), not to exceed 10,000, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

The next discussion was the Fire Department Budget. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$179,090, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion of the upcoming Public Hearing on Monday, January 30th re: the PILOT Agreement, and the upcoming Budget Public Hearing on February 7th. The Budget Committee adjourned.

7:59 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:02 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:02 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary