

**Tilton Northfield Fire District
Budget Committee Meeting
November 23, 2009
Tilton School Room 213**

Attendance: Chairman Don Stevens, Commissioner Paul Auger, Kevin LaChapelle, Peter Fogg, Vicy Virgin, George Flanders, Chief Carrier. **Absent** Dennis Allen

7:15 pm Meeting called to order by Chairman Stevens. Stevens states that we will start on line 110 due to the fact that the revenues are pre set and cannot be voted on. Chief Carrier interjected the fact that the shared revenue block grants are not in place for this year.

Category 110- Auger motions to accept the commissioner's proposal of \$611,782. Second by Virgin. Chief Carrier states that the raise he proposed was for an average increase of 0.577%. Discussion by LaChapelle for the concern of 0% increase if the employees are feeling an increase in healthcare cost that they pay out of pocket. Group discussion on dissemination of benefit plans/co-pays.

Failed 1 to 4

Motion by Virgin to accept Chiefs proposal of \$625,501, second by Fogg.

Passed 4 to 1

Category 110.05- Fogg motioned to accept Chiefs proposal of \$25,410, Virgin second.

Passed 4 to 1

Category 110.06- Fogg motions to accept Chiefs proposal of \$130,000, Virgin seconds. Discussion of ways to cut over-time cost. Stevens states where there is a will there is a way. Levels of service discussed by using per diem staff. LaChapelle states possible cost savings in vacation buyout? Chief stated that his original figure of \$142,000 was trimmed to \$130,000. Virgin request 2009 actual OT to date. With lack of all info needed Fogg and Virgin withdraw motion and second.

No vote. Chairman Stevens states we will discuss this line at the next meeting.

Category 120- Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.

Passed Unanimously

Category 130- Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 210- Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.
Passed Unanimously

Category 215- Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg.
Passed Unanimously

Categories 220, 225 and 230 not voted on or discussed until 110.06 is discussed and voted on

Category 250- Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.
Passed Unanimously

Category 260- Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 290- Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.

Category 301- Fogg motioned to accept Commissioner's proposal, second by LaChapelle. **Passed Unanimously**

Category 320- Virgin motioned to accept Chiefs proposal, second by Fogg. Discussion of why Commissioners see the need for increase legal cost. Auger states that the commission foresees increased need for legal advice. **Failed**

LaChapelle motioned to accept Commissioners proposal, second by Flanders.
Passed 4 to 1

Category 335 Virgin motioned to accept Chief's proposal, second by Fogg. Discussion of why Commission has proposal of \$12k. Chief states that the difference was based on the Commissioners proposal to cut OT. Virgin and Fogg withdraw motion and second until a vote is taken on OT category.

Motion and second withdrawn. All agreed to wait until OT was discussed and voted on.

Category 340 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. No discussion. **Passed Unanimously**

Category 341 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg. No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 342 Motion by Fogg to accept as written, second by Virgin. No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 350 Motion by Fogg to accept as written, second by Virgin. No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 370 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg. No discussion
Passed Unanimously

Category 385 Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin. No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 390 Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 410 Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin. No discussion.
Passed Unanimously

Category 411 Virgin motioned to pass as written, second by LaChapelle. Discussion about the pre buy price and the predicted drop in oil prices. Chief Carrier reported that he believes that the total cost for oil last year was under \$10k. LaChapelle motioned to amend to \$10k to split the difference of what the Chief and Commission proposed.
Passed Unanimously

Category 412 LaChapelle motioned to accept Commissioners proposal of \$1200, second by Flanders. Lengthy discussion of why the district pays a domestic water bill if we pay a substantial bill for the hydrant system. It was agreed that this is a separate utility that should be paid.
Passed Unanimously

Category 413 Motion by Fogg to accept the Chiefs proposal of \$700. LaChapelle second.
Passed Unanimously

Category 430 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg. Flanders asked where we the FD has oil changes done. Chief Carrier stated Harbours'. Chief also stated that parts are ordered by Harbour and billed to the FD.

Passed 4 to 1

Category 480 Motion by Fogg and second by Virgin to accept as written.

Passed Unanimously

Category 550 Motion by Auger and second by Flanders to accept Commissioners proposal of \$1200. No discussion.

Passed Unanimously

Category 560 Motion by Fogg and second by Virgin to accept Chiefs proposal of \$2000. Discussion on what this line covers. Chief Carrier stated that this is for meetings and memberships.

Passed 4 to 1

Category 590.2 Auger motioned and LaChapelle second to accept the Commissioners proposal of \$115k. Discussion about the substantial cost for hydrants. Chairman Stevens thought we should discuss this more at the next meeting.

Failed 1 to 4

Chairman Stevens advised that we had struck the two hour mark and that the meeting is adjourned. Next Meeting on December 7th at the Church on Center Street.

Submitted by: Kevin LaChapelle