

Tilton Northfield Fire District
Budget Committee Meeting
December 7, 2009
Church on Main and Center Street

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

7:05 pm Meeting called to order by Chairman Stevens.

Chief Carrier started with an update cost of over-time year to date, \$80,483. Chief Carrier stated with that given number he feels that the fire department would be o.k. to operate with \$112,500 for OT.

Category 110.06 LaChapelle motioned to accept \$112,500 for OT, Virgin seconds.
Passed Unanimously

Category 335 Allen motioned to accept \$12,000, Fogg seconds.
Passed Unanimously

Category 590.2 LaChapelle motioned to accept \$115,000, second by Auger. Discussion by Fogg on the amount of money that the water district charges per hydrant. He stated that this was too much for the district to bear and not the end user. There was question by all of how the end bill is derived by the water district. LaChapelle stated that members and taxpayers should go to the water district meetings to inquire that info. Stevens and Fogg advised that non water district taxpayers were not allowed to speak.

Motion Failed 3 to 2

Category 590.2 Fogg motioned to pay \$50,000 to the water district. Second by Virgin.
Passed 3 to 2

Category 225 Chief Carrier reported an update on Medicare of \$12,137. Fogg motioned to accept as reported by Chief Carrier, second by Virgin.
Passed Unanimously

Category 230 Chief Carrier reported an update for retirement of \$136,371. Virgin motioned to accept as reported by Chief Carrier, second by Fogg.

Passed Unanimously

Category 610 Fogg motioned to accept as written, LaChapelle second.

Passed Unanimously

Category 620 Fogg motioned to accept as written, Virgin second.

Passed Unanimously

Category 625 Motion by Virgin to accept \$750 as recommended by Chief Carrier. Second by Virgin. Discussion by Chief Carrier stating that this year's postage is down.

Failed 2 to 3

Category 625 Motion by LaChapelle to accept \$700 as written by the Commissioners, second by Auger.

Passed 3 to 2

Category 630 Motion by Virgin to accept as written and second by Fogg.

Passed Unanimously

Category 631 Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.

Passed Unanimously

Category 634 Virgin motioned to accept \$0 to keep the line open, second by Fogg.

Passed Unanimously

Category 635 Fogg motioned to accept \$7287.00, Virgin second.

Passed 4 to 1

Category 636 LaChapelle motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.

Passed Unanimously

Category 660 Fogg motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.

Passed Unanimously

Category 670 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg.

Passed Unanimously

Category 680 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Allen.
Passed Unanimously

Category 681 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 683 Virgin motioned to accept \$2500.00, second by LaChapelle.
Passed 3 to 2

Category 685 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg.
Passed Unanimously

Category 690 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 710 Fogg motioned to accept \$1500.00, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 720 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Allen.
Passed Unanimously

Category 730 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Allen.
Passed Unanimously

Category 750 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Allen.
Passed Unanimously

Category 775 Fogg motioned to accept \$1000 proposed by the fire commissioners, second by LaChapelle. Chief Carrier stated that this amount is sufficient.
Passed Unanimously

Category 960 Allen motioned to accept as written, second by Virgin.
Passed Unanimously

Category 331 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 760 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle.
Passed Unanimously

Category 740 Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Discussion about the list of equipment provided by Chief Carrier. LaChapelle voiced concern that the fire commissioners do not always allow the purchase of equipment listed. It was the general consensus of the budget committee that this equipment list should be provided for the taxpayers at the annual district meeting. Virgin voiced concern that if the taxpayers vote on a specific equipment list, then this equipment should be purchased as voted by the taxpayers. Auger stated that the commissioners have the power to spend the money as they see fit.

Passed Unanimously

Category 960.5 Chief Carrier stated that there was one more item that was added to this list that changed the line to \$4600. Allen motioned to accept the new amount of \$4600, second by Virgin.

Passed Unanimously

Category 741 Virgin motioned to accept as written, LaChapelle second. Virgin questioned why the power cots (gurneys) were so expensive. Chief Carrier advised that some of the patients that the fire department transports are in excess of 500 pounds and is of great strain to the firefighters who lift the gurney. LaChapelle stated that over all this is another tool to protect the firefighters from injury. He also stated that over time the power cots will save in workman's compensation cost. Chief Carrier also discussed that the hospitals no longer restock the ambulance supplies, leaving the fire department to now purchase its own medical supplies.

Passed Unanimously

Chairman Stevens stated that we would need one more meeting to finalize paperwork. He will contact members when the paperwork is ready.

Meeting adjourned