

Tilton Northfield Fire District  
Budget Committee Meeting  
Monday, December 13, 2010

**Meeting Location:** Northfield-Tilton Congregational Church

Members present:

Don Stevens, Kevin LaChapelle, George Flanders, Vicy Virgin, Peter Fogg

Commissioner Gallant, and Chief Ober.

Absent: Dennis Allen

2010 Chair Stevens called meeting to order @ 1900 hrs. Stevens reports that Dennis Allen called out sick.

**Slate of Officers**

Virgin nominated Stevens for 2011 Chair, second by Fogg. Vote- all in favor

Virgin nominated LaChapelle for 2011 Secretary, second by Flanders

LaChapelle states minutes of the meetings should be taken by someone who is familiar with the proper procedure. Stevens stated that a fine job was done last year; submit the notes to the Admin Assistant when completed. Vote- all in favor.

Meetings scheduled for Dec 27, 2010, Jan 10, 2011 and Jan 24, 2011 at the Northfield Tilton Congregational Church.

**Salaries and Wages**

Various discussions on increases throughout the 2011 budget. Stevens specified the significant increase for health benefits. Motion by Virgin to postpone discussion up to line 301 until all members have reviewed the packet. Second by Fogg. Vote- All in favor.

## **Professional and Technical Services**

301: Virgin motion to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor

320: Virgin motion to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor

335: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Ober that the increase is based on the charge he was given by the commissioners to increase training and participation by the call staff. Vote- All in favor.

340: Vicy motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg. Gallant explained that the increase from \$100 to \$350 was due to paying more to the bank as a result of Northfield making quarterly disbursements to the district instead of monthly. Vote: All in Favor

341: Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Ober that this includes 3 landlines and 5 cell phones. Vote- All in favor.

342: Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by Fogg. Vote- All in favor

350: Virgin motioned to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Ober that there is still money left on this line to date in the 2010 budget due to physicals that have not yet been completed. He also explained that there is a sliding scale that is used for frequency of physicals by age. Example; Ages 40+ will have physicals annually, 35-40 is semiannual and all others below 35 are biannual. Vote- All in favor.

370: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation by Ober and Gallant of aging fleet is reasoning for increase. This past year was brought forth more repairs than expected. Vote- All in favor.

385: Motion by LaChapelle to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

390: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

999: This line will be closed.

### **Property Services**

410: Motion by Fogg to accept as written, second by Virgin. Vote- All in favor

411: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Discussion about the current contract with Rymes. Ober explained that the District currently has a lock-in price for oil and propane with Rymes. Vote- All in favor.

412: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor.

413: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor.

430: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Ober stating that these figures were based upon rough estimates given for plumbing repairs at Center St. and a new steel man door at Center St. Vote- All in favor.

480: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Ober that this is a locked in price given by the LGC.

### **Purchased Services**

550: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Fogg. Vote- All in favor

560: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

Line 610 has been moved into line 690

620: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

625: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor.

630: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor.

631: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Vote- All in favor.

634: This line was moved to 741.

635: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

636: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Explanation given by Ober that the District is locked in at \$2.75 p/gal. Vote- All in favor.

660: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by LaChapelle. Explanation given by Gallant that this line was increased from the chiefs proposed figure to bring the line in direct relationship to what is actually spent. Vote- All in favor.

670: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

680: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Fogg. Vote- All in favor.

681: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Ober directed our attention to the Phase I, II and III explanation that is in the narrative. Vote- All in favor.

683: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

685: Motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote All in favor.

690: motion by Virgin to accept as written, second by Flanders. Vote- All in favor.

LaChapelle motioned to adjourn, second by Flanders.

Meeting adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Approved January 31, 2011