

**Tilton Northfield Fire District  
Budget Committee Meeting  
28 November 2011  
Tilton School Academic Building**

**Present:**

Donnie Stevens, Northfield (2013), Chairperson  
Jane Alden, Tilton (2013)  
Kevin LaChapelle, Tilton (2014)  
George Flanders, Northfield (2014)  
Peter Fogg, Tilton (2012)  
Commissioner Tom Gallant (2012)  
Brad Ober, Fire Chief

**Absent:**

David Tracy, Northfield (2012)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Stevens

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Commissioner Gallant made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Kevin LaChapelle stated that he has not had time to type the minutes for the previous meeting. The recorder is on. He wanted to know if everyone was agreeable to the minutes being recorded and then transcribed. Everyone was in agreement.

**SALARIES AND WAGES**

Chair Stevens calls to start where they left off with Salaries and Wages of \$844,500.

***Category 110 Career Salaries and Wages***

Motion was made and seconded for \$632,000. Gallant requested the Chief be allowed to present how he arrived at his budgetary amount and he will explain how the Commissioners arrived at theirs. Stevens stated he did not want to hear about the shift change. That is a Commissioners issue.

Chief Ober explained that the color copies of the calendar shows the differences between the 48 and 42 hour work week. He explained that the difference between his proposal and the Commissioners. The Commissioners proposal maintains staffing at its current status but does include a step whereas his doesn't. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Clark spoke for the Commissioners budget.

Commissioner Gallant asked if he was voting as a Commissioner or as a member of the voting body. Chair Stevens stated that he is voting as a member of the Budget Committee. The rest of them were appointed by the Moderator and he was appointed by the Commissioners. Discussion ensued.

Fogg asked for a clarification from Commissioner Clark if the firefighters get the same annual salary regardless whether they work 42 or 48 hours. Commissioner Clark stated they get the same amount of money per year but they are doing it in 42 hours rather than 48. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued about the Retirement System.

Discussion ensued about the Budget Committee's job.

Discussion ensued about wages and the Wage & Benefit Study.

LaChapelle called the vote. Vote was taken on \$632,000. Vote was three to three. Chair Stevens stated that this will be carried to next meeting due to tied vote.

***Categories 110.05/110.06/120/130/210/211/215/220/225/230/250/260/290***

It was unanimously decided not to act on these until after Category 110 have been acted upon.

**APPARATUS & EQUIPMENT**

Chair Stevens asked if the Budget had been completed for the Apparatus & Equipment Fund. Chief Ober stated they have not acted on this yet.

Stevens announced the next meeting will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Tilton School Academic building at 7 pm.

Motion and second to adjourn. Vote taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Tobine