

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By:	Budget Committee	Date, Time:	02/02/15 at 19:00
Transcribed By:	Kathy Tobine	Place:	Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room, 257 Main Street, Tilton

Donnie Stevens called the meeting to order.

Present: Budget Committee Members Don Stevens, George Flanders, Timothy Sattler, Peter Fogg, Paul Blaisdell; Commissioner Paul Auger, Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr.

Public Present: Matthew Gilman

Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund Budget

Chief Sitar explained that the Apparatus & Equipment Replacement Fund Budget is the Commissioners number. Donnie Stevens asked if the Commissioners approved the fire truck. Commissioner Auger commented they did.

Account 760 Vehicles: Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$687,000 to the floor for discussion. George Flanders seconded the motion. Discussion: Donnie Stevens wanted to know why the Chief is requesting an additional engine when a prior Chief told them they did not need it. Chief Sitar explained that it is a difference of opinion between them. ISO recommends that they have one reserve engine for up to every seven front line engines they have. The new engine being requested was discussed in length.

The life expectancy of firefighting gear was discussed. Chief Sitar commented that after 10 years it is no longer any good and each firefighter should have two sets of gear.

Engine 1 was discussed. The frame, body and cab are corroded. Mutual Aid was discussed in regards to a reserve engine.

The CIP was reviewed.

There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 2409.6 Ambulance Charges: Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$280,000 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 3503 Interest: Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$2,000 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. Discussion ensued why this line was being funded for \$2,000 when last year we only earned \$589.99. Commissioner Auger explained that \$400,000 was placed in a CD at Franklin Savings Bank per the bank's recommendation to earn a higher interest rate. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Operating Account Budget

Account 3200 Grants Applies for & Received: Discussion ensued on who was responsible for applying for grants and what grants have been received. Chief Sitar explained that ultimately he is. Filing times for grants were discussed. Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$0 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 3351 Shared Revenue Block Grant: Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$0 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 3502 Interest Earned: Chief Sitar explained this is interest earned on the Unreserved Fund Balance. Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$1,000 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 3506 Insurance Reimbursements: Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line for \$1,000 to the floor for discussion. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. Discussion: Chief Sitar explained this is when someone uses the Short Term or Long Term Disability and the insurance company reimburses us. There is an offsetting line that comes out of wages. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Account 3509 Miscellaneous Revenues: Chief Sitar explained this line is for permit fees they collect. Discussion ensued on the amount this line should be funded at. Tim Sattler made a motion to move this line to the floor in the amount of \$7,000. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

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Pressurized hydrants were discussed. The Budget Committee decided to leave this line as previously voted at \$50,000 as this can be amended at District Meeting.

Discussion ensued on the new engine. To equip the engine it will cost approximately \$33,000 which does not include the tools.

Warrant Articles

Warrant Article 5 Apparatus & Equipment Special Revenue Fund: Tim Sattler made a motion to approve article 5 as written. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Warrant Article 6 Operating Budget: Tim Sattler made a motion to approve W/A 6 as written with the amount of \$1,726,476. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Warrant Article 7: Don Stevens explained that the Commissioners want to take the money out of the Land & Building Fund to pay for the architect. They have already approved this warrant article.

Warrant Article 8: Don Stevens commented they have already approved this warrant article to establish a Contingency Fund.

Warrant Article 9: Don Stevens commented they have already approved this warrant article for the Health Insurance Deductible Reimbursements.

Warrant Article 10: Discussion ensued on appointing the Board of Commissioners as agents to expend from the Land & Building Fund. Don Stevens commented they have already approved this warrant article.

Warrant Article 11: Tim Sattler made a motion to approve article 11. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about changing from a calendar year to a fiscal year. There being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Warrant Article 12: Tim Sattler made a motion to approve article 12 to authorize indefinitely the Board of Commissioner to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money. Peter Fogg seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Warrant Article 13: Tim Sattler made a motion to approve article 13 to indefinitely authorize the Commissioners to issue tax anticipation notes. George Flanders seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Other Business

Don Stevens thanked the Budget Committee and the Chief for their time and energy. He reminded everyone that the public hearing is February 9th at 7:00 P.M. at Northfield Town Hall Upstairs. The Commissioners public hearing on the Warrant follows their hearing.

Adjournment

Tim Sattler made a motion adjourn. George Flanders seconded the motion. There being no discussion vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Tobine