



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS

Michael Robinson, Interim Chief

Timothy Joubert, Interim Deputy Chief

Budget Committee Public Hearing

Donny Stevens opened the Budget Committee Public Hearing at 7:00pm on February 10, 2014. He suggested we wait five minutes to see if more people would show up.

Budget Committee members present were Donny Stevens, Chairperson, Jane Alden, George Flanders, Tim Sattler, Dave Tracey, Peter Fogg, and Paul Auger, Fire Commissioner.

Mr. Stevens read through all the categories and gave a brief description of each.

Salaries and Wages:

No questions for the categories (110, 110.05, 110.06, 120).

Elected officials (130) – commissioners got a raise (about \$500) as well as the Treasurer (to bring back to where he was before they changed it last year).

Benefits:

No questions for the categories (215, 220, 225, 230, 250, 260).

Group Health Insurance (210) - Budget Committee added \$6000 to this category for LGC refund. It needed to be shown here so that it could be spent. This whole category is based on payroll and there is nothing that can be done about the amounts.

Professional & Technical Services:

No questions for the categories (301, 320, 335, 340, 341, 342, 350, 370, 385, 390).

Property Services:

No questions for categories (410, 412, 413, 430, 480).

Heating Fuel (411) - Center Street station has been converted to natural gas. The Northfield station will be done next year.

Purchased Services:

No questions for categories (550, 560, 590.2).

Supplies:

No questions for categories (625, 630, 631, 635, 636, 660, 670, 680, 681, 683, 685, 690).

Office (620) - Some of the office supply increase is due to the need for new letterhead with the new Chief's name on it.

Diesel Fuel (636) - Locked in price until July 2014 only.

Capital Outlay:

No questions on categories (710, 720, 730, 750, 775).

No questions for categories Prior Year Encumbered Funds, Warrant Articles Approved, Grants Applied for & Received Expenditures, Expendable Trusts.

Apparatus and Equipment Replacement Fund Expenses:

No questions on categories (760, 740, 960.5, 741).

Ambulance Billing Services (331) – we buy our own supplies when we can, for savings, but some things have to be bought through the hospital. Patient is billed for these items.

No questions for categories Prior Year Encumbered Funds and Apparatus and Equipment Replacement Fund Revenues

The increase from 2013 budget is about 6%. This is due to Workmen's Compensation and Retirement and there is nothing we can do about those.

Motion to adjourn made by Jane Alden. Seconded by David Tracey. Budget Committee Public Hearing closed at 7:44 pm.