

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

Date, Time: 11/05/2021, 5:00 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Northfield Town Hall
21 Summer Street
Northfield, NH

Call to Order

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

Attendance

Commissioner Eric Pyra, Charles Broughton, Jane Alden, Jason Wright, Katherine Dawson, Kevin Waldron, Scott Lewandowski, Chief Michael Sitar, and Administrative Assistant Kathy Tobine

Public: Fire Fighter Daniel Leathers

2022 Operating Budget

Wages & Salaries

Chief Sitar explained that he has provided them with the requested information from the previous meeting. Katherine asked what the current starting salary is? Chief Sitar replied that it is \$17.93. Commissioner Pyra talked about how the Commissioners came to their starting pay amount. Extensive discussion ensued regarding pay.

Building Maintenance & Repairs

Katherine asked for explanations from Commissioner Pyra on some of the differences in the Chief's Budget and the Commissioners' Budget. Discussion ensued regarding the budget differences in the electricity at Center Street, the railing and siding at Center Street.

Contingency Fund

Katherine asked if they have reserve funds for the fire department. Discussion ensued regarding reserve funds and the contingency fund.

Fuel

Kevin asked why the Commissioners lowered the amount budgeted for diesel. Chief Sitar explained how he arrived at his budgeted number. Discussion ensued regarding fuel prices.

Vehicle Repairs

Kevin asked why Vehicle Repairs Other is a higher number this year than it was last year when they no longer have one of the problem vehicles. Discussion ensued regarding repairs and the condition of the vehicles.

Career Uniforms

Katherine noted that career uniform budget was quite high compared to what had been spent this year and commented that she didn't think they planned on hiring any new employees. Chief Sitar explained that the budget line was for the current employees to replace uniform items throughout the year as needed. Discussion ensued regarding uniforms.

Design, Engineering, & Architectural Fees

Katherine commented that they have not spent any of the money from this line. Commissioner Pyra explained that this was much like the reserve fund she had mentioned earlier. This money

was raised and put into a non-lapsing fund so that they could use it when the need it with out raising it again every year.

Water Department

Katherine asked if there was any update on the hydrants. Discussion ensued regarding the legal process with the water department and the upcoming meeting.

Apparatus & Equipment Fund

Discussion ensued regarding the items in the Apparatus & Equipment fund and where the money for it comes from.

Salaries & Wages

Discussion ensued regarding salaries and step increases. Katherine requested additional information.

Adjournment

Jane made a motion to adjourn. Jason seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

November 17, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room,
257 Main Street, Tilton NH