

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

Date, Time: 11/17/2021, 5:00 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton Town Hall
257 Main Street
Downstairs Meeting Room
Tilton, NH

Call to Order

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

Attendance

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

Meeting Minutes

July 23, October 15, November 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes of July 23, October 15, and November 5, 2021 as written. Kevin seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

New Business

Time Table

Katherine commented that there are two dates that are important to them, January 7th for Public Hearing for a Bond if there is one and February 11th is the last day to hold a public hearing.

Katherine asked if they would like to continue to meet on Fridays or Wednesdays. Future meeting dates were discussed.

Katherine suggested February 4, 2022 as tentative date for the public hearing.

Kathy commented that the warrant articles need to be to DRA by February 7th for pre review, which includes the budget.

Water Department

Jane asked how the meeting with the water department went. Chief Sitar replied that there was constructive discussion but they ended at different numbers. Kathy and Commissioner Pyra went on to discuss the warrant article for the special meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the process for the special meeting.

2022 Operating Budget

100 Salaries & Wages

Katherine asked about the difference between the Chief's number and the Commissioners' number for career salaries and wages. Commissioner Pyra explained that they were based on two different starting wages. Discussion ensued regarding starting pay, increases and future increases. Kevin commented that he feels they should make the number half way between the current and the Chief's request. Discussion ensued regarding cost of living and pay at other departments. Kevin commented that his suggestion for starting salary is \$18.83. Katherine commented that she would like to see it a little higher.

Charlie made a motion to fund line 100, Career Salaries & Wages, at \$1,191,057. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed five to one.

Katherine asked why holiday pay was higher. Kathy replied that it is because the pay was increased. Scott commented that Juneteenth was added as a federal holiday this year. Discussion ensued regarding holidays and pay.

4130 Executive

Kevin commented that the treasurer should not be \$1,500 and asked who does more for the district the treasurer or the Commissioners? Discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities of the executive positions and pay was discussed.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to fund line 130.04, Treasurer, at \$750. Kevin seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed, four to two.

Discussion ensued regarding clerks pay.

Kevin made a motion to fund line 130.03, Clerk, at \$750. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Kevin made a motion to fund line 130.02, Commissioners, at \$6,000. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed. Commissioner Pyra abstained from the vote.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to fund line 130.05, Moderator, at \$500. Katherine seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4140 Elections

Charlie made a motion to fund line 4140 at \$4,000. Kevin seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4150 Auditing

Jane made a motion to fund line 4150 at \$8,100. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4153 Legal Expense

Jane made a motion to fund line 4153 at \$30,000. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4155 Personnel Administration

Jane made a motion to fund line 4155 at \$833,973. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4194 General Government Buildings

Katherine asked why the electrical budget for Center Street Station was increased but not Park Street Station. Commissioner Pyra replied that as shown in the actuals they have overspent at Center Street this year and Park Street is under. Discussion ensued regarding electricity pricing.

Kevin made a motion to fund line 410, Electricity, at \$11,900. Katherine seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed, five to one.

Jane made a motion to fund line 411, Heating Fuel, at \$5,703. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to the fund line 412, water, at \$1,400. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Charlie made a motion to fund line 413, sewer, at \$800. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken.

Kevin made a motion to fund total Center Street Station at \$10,000. Katherine seconded the motion for discussion. Jane asked Kevin what he was cutting. Kevin replied that he was just cutting from the bottom line. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion failed, three to three.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to fund total Center Street Station at \$11,000. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Discussing Park Street

Kevin made a motion to fund total Park Street Station at \$5,380. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion Passed, five to one.

Kevin asked if they could add something to the budget. Kathy asked for an example. Kevin stated that currently both towns are paying Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, he feels it should be a responsibility of the district. Discussion ensued regarding the town of Northfield no longer being interested in being a member of mutual aid and adding that responsibility to the fire district.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:

December 3, 2021 at 5:00 PM.
Northfield Town Hall
21 Summer Street, Northfield, NH