

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting

Meeting Called By: Commissioners

Date, Time: 11/07/2022, 5:30 PM

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

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

Call to Order

Commissioner Pyra called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Attendance

Commissioners Paul Auger, Jon Cilley, Eric Pyra; Chief Michael W. Sitar, Jr. and Administration Manager Kathy Tobine

2023 Budget

4154 Legal Expense

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 4154, Legal Expense, for \$30,000. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. It was decided that they would hold off on this until after the Special District Meeting. Commissioner Cilley withdrew his motion. Commissioner Auger withdrew his second.

4155 Personnel Administration

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to accept 210 & 211, Group Health Insurance, for \$361,282. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Commissioner Pyra asked if line 211 was new. Kathy replied that it was the deductible reimbursement. It is usually part of the expendable trust fund but was recommended to put in the budget. Discussion ensued whether to keep it as a warrant article or add it to the budget. Commissioner Pyra amended his motion to remove line 211 and the amount to \$355,782. Commissioner Cilley seconded the amendment. Discussion ensued regarding insurance premiums, Insurance opt out, and SAFER grant reimbursement. Being no further discussion, vote was taken to amend the motion. Motion passed. Vote was taken on the amended amount, Motion passed.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 215.01, Short Term Disability, for \$3,009. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 215.02, Group Line of Duty, for \$4,675. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 215.03, NH State Firemen's Insurance, for \$1,400. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 215.04, Life Insurance, for \$2,847. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 215.05, Long Term Disability, for \$3,082. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

412 - Water

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 412, Water, for \$2,562. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

630.110 - Gas Meters

Chief Sitar commented that the reason they have not spent much on this line this year was because they had additional supplies left from the previous year that they have been using. Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 630.110, Gas Meters, for \$1570. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding the number of meters and the items required. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

631.11 - Stryker

Chief Sitar broke down the components of the service contract. Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 631.11, Stryker, for \$4,814. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion for discussion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

635 - Gasoline

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 635, Gasoline, for \$9,080. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Being no discussion, Vote was taken. Motion passed.

636 - Diesel

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to accept line 636, Diesel, for \$39,303. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

660 – Vehicle Repairs

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 660, Vehicle Repairs Other, for \$20,000. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Pyra made amotion to approve lines 660.01 through 660.20 for \$21,795. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

670 - Books & Periodicals

Commissioner Auger made a motion to accept line 670, Books & Periodicals, for \$111. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, Vote was taken. Motion passed.

680 - Departmental Awards

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 680, Departmental Awards, for \$3,000. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding what the awards entailed and the last time they held one. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

685 - Uniforms

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 685, Uniforms, for \$15,300. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Uniform costs were discussed. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

690 - Miscellaneous

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 690, Miscellaneous, for \$1. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

775 - Dry Hydrants & Cisterns

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 775, Dry Hydrants & Cisterns, for \$2,500. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Commissioner Auger commented that he would like to see it down to \$2,000, as they haven't spent that much this year. Commissioner Cilley rescinded his second. Commissioner Pyra rescinded his motion.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 775, Dry Hydrants & Cisterns, for \$2,000. Commissioner Cilley seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4900 - Capital Outlay

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve lines 4901, 4902, 4903, and 4909, under Capital Outlay, for \$4. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4723 - TAN Interest

Commissioner Auger made a motion to approve line 4723, TAN Interest, for \$1. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

4220 Salaries & Wages

Chief Sitar stated that the in-call salaries he increased base pay for probationary from \$13 to \$14 and Firefighter level 1 or EMT from \$16 to \$17. Discussion regarding Call Salaries and Wages and the formulas Chief Sitar used to get to that number and previous years spending. Commissioner Auger suggested lowering the line to \$100,000 from \$120,000.

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 120, Call Salaries & Wages, for \$100,000. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Cilley made a motion to approve line 110, Career Salaries & Wages, for \$1,203,542. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion ensued regarding what other departments are advertising for starting pay, how we compare. Chief Sitar proposed in his budget a 9.1% cost of living increase, no merit raises were included this year or last year. Discussion ensued regarding percentages and increases in other lines as a result of the wages increases.

Commissioner Cilley proposed \$1 increase and asked what tax impact would be for Chief's proposed \$1.95 increase vs \$1 proposed increase. Discussion ensued regarding increases in the budget.

The board would like to see for the next meeting a comparison of \$1, \$1.50, and \$1.95 increases on wages.

Adjournment

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Auger seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Clerk

Next Meeting Dates, Time, Place:

Regular Meeting
November 9, 2022
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room
257 Main Street, Tilton NH

2023 Budget Workshop
November 15, 2022
Tilton Town Hall, Downstairs Meeting Room
257 Main Street, Tilton NH