

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Budget Committee Meeting

Meeting Called By: Budget Committee

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

Transcribed By: Beth Joslin

Location: Tilton PD EOC
45 Sanborn St
Tilton, NH

Call to Order

Katherine called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Attendance

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

Public: Firefighter Dan Leathers, Firefighter Travis Gosine, and Captain Derek Farrell

Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Jason made a motion to accept the minutes of September 21st as written. Eric seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

November 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Jane made a motion to accept the minutes of November 16th as written. Katherine seconded the motion. There being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

2023 Operating Budget

4220 Fire

Discussion ensued regarding Jason's number of \$1,625,000 and the Chief's percentage increase for COLA. Extensive discussion ensued regarding call salaries actual vs budgeted. Scott suggested taking \$40,000 out of call salaries, leaving room for growth, but he is also thinking ahead to paying for SAFER positions. Discussion regarding a total number of \$1,675,000.

Jane commented that she is still sticking with Commissioners number, explaining she feels they need to stay competitive, it is embarrassing how we compare to other communities. She doesn't think the COLA requested is unreasonable given today's market and would rather cut elsewhere than from employees. Jason asked if she felt the call salaries was over budgeted as they haven't spent that much the past two years. Kevin commented that the call company is underpaid and that that can not be corrected unless there is money in that line. Discussion ensued regarding call company and simultaneous calls.

Jason made a motion to fund line 100, total wages & salaries, for \$1,650,000. Kevin seconded the motion. Extensive discussion ensued regarding numbers. Commissioner Pyra countered with \$1,675,000. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion failed.

Charlie made a motion to fund line 100, total wages & salaries, for \$1,675,000. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Charlie made a motion to approve line 335, School/Training Fees, for \$20,975. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 341, Telephones, for \$11,780. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 342, Information & Technology, for \$32,404. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Scott made a motion to approve line 350, Medical Services, for \$13,860. Jason seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Katherine made a motion to approve line 390, Other Professional Services, for \$1; line 392, Background Checks, for \$520; and line 550, Printing, for \$500. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 560, Dues & Subscriptions, for \$4,430. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jason made a motion to approve line 620, Office Supplies, for \$3,150 and line 625, Postage, for \$500. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 630, Equipment Maintenance & Repairs, for \$5,700. Jason seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Commissioner Pyra made a motion to approve line 631, Service Testing, for \$20,302. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 635, Gasoline, for \$9,080. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Kevin asked if the department could buy gas from the state. Discussion ensued regarding possible savings by getting diesel from the state shed on Rd 140. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Discussion ensued regarding ability and pricing of buying fuel from the state.

Jane made a motion to approve line 636, Diesel, for \$39,303. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Charlie made a motion to approve line 660, Vehicle Repairs, for \$41,797. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Scott made a motion to approve line 670 Books & Periodicals, for \$111 and line 680, Departmental Awards, for \$3,000. Charlie seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Jane made a motion to approve line 685, Uniforms, for \$15,300. Charlie seconded the motion. Discussion ensued regarding what a uniform includes. Being no further discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

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

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

4723 TAN Interest & 4900 Capital Outlay

Jane made a motion to approve line 4723, TAN Interest; 4901, Land; 4902, Capital Out Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment; 4903 Capital Out Building; and 4909, Other, each for \$1. Commissioner Pyra seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

2023 Apparatus & Equipment Budget

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Jane made a motion to approve line 331, Ambulance Billing Services, for \$37,501. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Scott made a motion to approve line 740, Fire Equipment, for \$58,948. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Scott asked what the iSim Trainer was. Discussion ensued regarding the equipment, training and the department's RSI medics.

Jane made a motion to approve line 741, EMS, for \$73,525. Scott seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Scott made a motion to approve line 960, Rescue Equipment, for \$18,745. Jane seconded the motion. Being no discussion, vote was taken. Motion passed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Joslin

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Office Clerk

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place: TBD