

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Commissioners' Meeting Pre-Public Hearings meeting

Meeting called by:	Commissioners	Date, Time:	February 6, 2007 at 16:04 to 16:50
Note taker:	Janine Vary	Place:	Center Street Station

Attendees: Comm. Tom Gallant, Comm. Bob Watson, and Clerk Janine Vary. Absent: Comm. Harold Harbour

Comm. Gallant called meeting to order at 4:04. In attendance was Tom and Bob. Purpose of meeting is to review information will be given out tomorrow night at public hearing.

Discussion on warrant article 5: Tom was given information from Roland. In the event warrant 5 passed as originally written we would not have received authorization to withdraw payments from Apparatus and Equipment Fund. Payments will start in 2007, possibly April. So Tom has added wording to authorize money to be taken out.

Article 10, an email sent from budget committee was not endorsed by budget committee but that amount had included the Chief's vehicle (\$119,000), but was then corrected to the \$110,718.00. Tom has put it down as recommended by budget committee even though it is pending verification by budget committee.

Budget account includes another person on the payroll, Bob said Chief justified position to the budget committee's satisfaction. So budget committee is recommending. They are recommending the new truck as by finance, not recommending vehicle for chief, no \$100,000 in capital reserve fund for building.

Tom will also make a housekeeping change in article 11, including "thousand" after "two hundred eighty seven" and "dollars" after four hundred eighty seven".

Bob asked about having copies of Charlie's opinion available. Tom said no.

Copies of budget: Tom recommends spreadsheet that has chief's, commissioners and budget committee's recommendations. We'll make copies of this budget.

Also have copies from Brad regarding the ordinance fees.

There was discussion on the MS 37.

Under gross appropriation only line 11 will not be changed no matter which articles are passed or not. Chief did a new budget that included all warrant articles totaling \$1,532,487.00 if all pass that affect the operating budget (not the Apparatus and Equipment Fund).

Discussion of how warrant articles will be dealt with at annual meeting. Will have to deal with only non-money articles while the polls are open for an hour for voting to take place on Article 5.

Discussion was had on the Apparatus and Equipment Fund being a self funding account. Bob was talking about the CIP that he has. Tom doesn't have a copy. Janine/Bob will send him a copy. Ladder truck discussion had. With the hotels coming into town, we will need a ladder truck. Tom feels that these businesses should pay fees to the fire dept. towards the purchase of fire equipment. Impact fees. They do that for schools with developments that add to the burden of the town. Has to be carefully weighed: costs verses taxes raised.

Tom motioned to adjourn at 4:50. Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Next Meeting Date, Time, Place:	March 1, 2007 at 18:00 at Center Street Station
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