

Selectmen's minutes of work session January 16, 2020

Members present: Mark Newman, Brian O'Rourke, George Riley, Joanne Grybosh
Dolores Harasyko, Admin. Asst.

Called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Joanne presented and reviewed the following budgets many of which were submitted on paper and she had to recreate them.

Custodian of Town Buildings
Street Lights
Selectboard
Legal Services
Employee Incentives
Repair of Town Properties
Solid Waste
Operation and Maint. of Town Properties
Federal Census
Conservation
Vehicle Fuel
Porchlight VNA
CHP
Brien Center
Insp. Of Animals
Council on Aging
Elderly Transportation
Reserve Fund
Finance Committee
Berkshire County Sheriff
Emergency Management Director
S.B.R.P.C.
Cultural Council
BRPC
Public Safety Officer
Assessors
Historical Commission
Recreation Committee
Police Department
Yanner Park
Town Clerk
Planning Board
Accountant
Veterans Benefits

Employee Benefits
Berkshire County Retirement
Insurance Premiums and Bonds
Animal Control
Treasurer Tax Lien
Highway Conservation Consultant
Mowing Contract
Highway Tree Account

Motion by Mark, second by Brian, passed unanimously to approve the above budgets and forward them to the Finance Committee.

Budgets still to review are Cemetery Committee, Board of Health, Snow & Ice, Technology, Stabilization, School and Town Manager.

Reviewed the following Fire Dept. Budgets:

Fire and Ambulance Maint., expense only, level fund

Fire Chief Ralph Morrison is going to start giving monthly reports because the state mandates are effecting his budget. Ralph stated that the turnout gear is at least 20 years old.

Brian discussed the LUCA machine and the fact that when Ralph presented this budget item at Town Meeting he did not have an answer to the maintenance contract but now it is in the budget. George requested that for next year to add a line called "Maintenance Contracts".

Fire Dept. Salaries: Amend to \$10,000 per agreement from Fy18. Ralph does not agree with the original agreement from FY2018. He is insisting that he was never notified and that it is an illegal document. The FY2018 document increased his salary from \$7,500 to \$10,000 which would be capped for the following 3 years. Ralph has given himself a 2% increase each year since then. Brian responded that is Ralph does not agree with the document then they would have to reduce his salary to \$7,500. Discussion followed, agreed to level fund the salary at \$10,200.

Fire and Ambulance Equipment reduced it to \$23,744

Fire/EMT Training, level fund.

Fire house rentals, presented at a 2% increase, the selectmen level funded them.
Ralph is to have a lease by February for both firehouses.

Fire/EMS Compensation, 2% increase in salary

ALSS Intercept, last year's actual number was \$12,000. They had to come to the town twice for more funds. It is funded have from Free Cash and half from Raise and Appropriate. Will budget \$12,000 for FY2021.

Memorial Day Parade, level fund

Motion by Brian, second by Mark, passed unanimously to accept the Fire/Ambulance budgets.

Discussed posting a work session for next Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley