

Town of Limerick Budget Committee

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Meeting Minutes: January 5th, 2018.

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Howard Burnham, Denise Benton, Gil Harris, Ed Morgan, Bill Jones & Steve McLean.

Members Absent: Justin Reinhardt.

Quorum established: Quorum met.

1. Meeting Minutes: 12/18/17 minutes approved with following -2C motion amended to 5-yes, 1-NO

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Review and recommendation of Fire/EMS Budget:

Motion made and seconded - discussion- remove \$4800 intercept fees from operating budget and expense in Rescue Billing Account. Fire Dept. would like intercept fees and all other expenses to be in operating budget and not come out of Rescue Billing Account. Treasurer Laura May spoke regarding the 2010 Article that set up the Rescue Billing Account -intercept fees, purchase of new ambulance/trucks & call stipends are to be expensed from Rescue Billing Account.

Discussed removing \$6,000 for the purchase of 2 laptops for ambulances and having that expensed from Franchise fess account.

Remove \$750 for tablets-also expense from franchise fees account.

Increase \$500 to all Fire/EMS stipends.

Discussed per diem vs. stipend increases. Discussed reimbursement when going out on calls to other towns.

Intercept calls-when rescue has to pick up a higher level of care (such as paramedic)-we collect call fee and have to pay for the higher level of service if a paramedic comes aboard.

Discussed recusal of certain board members. Howard recused himself due to the fact that he is a volunteer member of the fire department. Others felt that they did not have to recuse themselves.

Motion to approve a Fire/EMS budget of \$147,796.00 4-Yes. 1 Abstention. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve a separate warrant article for per diem coverage for the amount of \$61,600. 4-Yes, 1-Abstention. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve a separate warrant article for \$20,000 for volunteer tasks of the department. 4-Yes, 1- Abstention. Motion Passed.

Discussed a 3-5 yr plan for the department., which includes replacement of the mini pumper and 24 hour round the clock coverage.

Discussed the fact that although the above payroll dollars for the Fire/EMS budget have been passed the committee has not approved the FICA on those payroll dollar amounts.

Motion to approve \$6,242.40 for FICA taxes on the \$61,600 per diem payroll and \$20,000 tasks payroll for the Fire/EMS department. 4-Yes, 1-Abstention. Motion Passed.

Selectmen bring the full time EMT position warrant article forth.

b. Review and recommendation of Transfer/Solid Waste Budget:

Motion made and seconded-Discussion- door to door is now \$103,000, tipping fees increased to \$95,175 and the operational budget is \$94,613.08 for a total of \$292,788.08.

Approved the Solid Waste Budget of \$292,788.08.

5-Yes. Motion Passed.

c. Review and recommendation of EMA Budget:

Motion to approve budget as presented \$4,355.00, seconded. No further discussion.

5-Yes. Motion Passed.

d. Review and recommendation of Library Budget:

Motion to accept budget of \$68,364-seconded. Discussion. Library Tech. position(not a new position)but new employee in this position-proposed budget included a \$1/hr increase in hourly pay for 2018. Motion to accept this article with the \$1/hr increase for this position.

1-Yes, 4-No. Motion Failed.

Motion to approve Library Budget of \$67,244.44(excludes Library Tech. position \$1/hr raise)-Discussion.

3-Yes, 2-No. Motion Passed.

e. Review and Recommendation of Elections Budget:

Motion to approve Elections Budget of \$9,800 as presented.

5-Yes. Motion Passed.

f. Review and recommendation of Lake Arrowhead Community donation request:

Motion to approve \$3,000 request to fight milfoil, seconded.

4-Yes, 1-No. Motion Passed.

g. Review and recommendation of Donation Request:

Motion to approve \$500 donation to York County Community Action and \$500 donation to Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging. Seconded.

5-Yes. Motion Passed.

3. BUDGET COMMITTEE METING SCHEDULE: Plan on next Tuesday the 9th of January.
Gill will send an email if it changes.

Adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Denise L. Benton, Sec.