

Town of Limerick Budget Committee

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Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2017.

Meeting Called to order at 7 pm.

Members Present: Gil Harris, Howard Burnham, Steve McLean, Bill Jones, Ed Morgan, & Denise Benton. Justin Reinhardt arrived at 7:12 PM.

Members Absent:

Selectmen present: John Medici.

Quorum established-Quorum met.

1. Meeting Minutes: Approved November 21st, 2017 minutes.

2. Old Business:

a. Recreation Dept. Budget discussion: It was discussed that a list of items of their budget need to be moved to Capital Improvements. Gil will draft letter to BOS to move portable bathrooms to Town of Limerick account with all other portable bathrooms. Also need to have mowing removed from the Rec. budget. Need revised budget from Rec. Department.

b. Road Commissioner/Paving Budgets: Discussion of grinding and maintenance of Paving Budget, project list, spoke briefly on Road Management software.

4. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Budget: Presented by elected Town Clerk/Tax Collector Judy LePage. The DMV will no longer be coming to Limerick for driver license renewals. DMV is dropping the monthly visits to Limerick and Kittery, effective January 2018. There is a 3% salary increase. Deputy pay increase from \$14.77 to \$15.54 per last wage survey. This deputy position is also Deputy Treasurer.

Slight decrease to Elections budget. In 2018, voting may move to Town Hall, however will have to get State approval prior to the move. Must have 14 voting stations.

Question asked regarding how much was spent on legal fees. Clerk stated minimal.

5. EMA Budget presented by Mike Ward. EMA needs to train and provide volunteers in order to set up a town shelter. St. Matthews is willing to allow Town to use the parish hall as a shelter, the facility is all generator set up to switch over automatically if power is lost. The county has a smart program to warn residents of storms, just need to fill out paperwork to take advantage of this program. Recent storm was mostly tree damage. RSU 57 opened the MMS during the recent storm for people to shower and use electricity to charge phones, etc. EMA generator not powerful enough to run elevator in Municipal Bldg. Discussed making a town owned building generator ready, such as Municipal Bldg.-since there is a kitchen and it has town water and sewer. Should elevator be used in an emergency situation?

6. Library budget presented by Librarian Cindy Smith. As of next year the minimum wage increases to \$10

per hour and there is currently one employee at \$9.50/hr., therefore this position needs to increase to meet minimum wage.

Library will not be renewing the annual movie license. Program supplies are up \$200 to cover charges by authors when they come in to do presentations. The furniture budget is slightly higher-the library would like to purchase a few new tables.

The garden tour raised \$4,387.00 and the money raised went to new shelving for the library The overall library budget is up \$3,677. Discussed town possibly changing out A/C units that are approx. 20 yrs old from the Municipal Building repair budget. Suggested looking into heat pumps.

The Librarian was able to take advantage of the Health Reimbursement Plan that was offered. The librarian position was the only position eligible to participate in the Health Reimbursement Plan.

7. CEO budget presented by Mike Gilpatrick. CEO has more trainings he would like to attend, such as storm water management. CEO goes to at least one training per month. As of Jan. 1st the state mandates CEO go to 2015 code books.

3% increase included for CEO and secretary position. Question asked regarding how much was spent on legal fees-CEO stated approx. 2 hours was spent on legal.

8. Departments left to present budgets are: Planning Board, Animal Control, Transfer Station, Fire/EMS and Board of Appeals.
9. BC is not working collaboratively with BOS-why is this and when was this decision made? Discussion followed. Chair decided not to work with BOS. It was stated that the committee never took a vote and it should have before this decision was made. Motion made to work with BOS, motion failed 2 to 3. BC will present their recommendations to BOS.

3. Budget Committee Meeting Schedule:

Dec. 5th, 2017 at 7 pm.

4. Adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Denise L. Benton, Sec.