

Town of Danbury

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 19th, 2024, 6:30 PM

Members present: Lenny Ryan-Chair, Ashlynn Comeau-Co-Chair, Anna Hullinger, Jessica Hatch (6:50pm), Tracy Feinauer, James Phelps. Bree Huntoon absent.

Also Attending, Maggi Winn, Karen Padgett, Chief Kelby, Ruby Hill.

Chairmen Lenny Ryan opened the meeting at 6:35pm, Lenny advised there were no minutes to review as Bree Huntoon was absent this evening. Lenny suggested to Start with the Police Department Budget which was tabled from the last meeting.

Jim Phelps asked what the pay rate was for the PD Administrative Assistant, Chief Kelby advised, currently \$20 and he requested a \$2.00 per hour pay raise.

Anna Hullinger asked Chief Kelby to explain the wages line.

Discussion was had whether the Selectboard would be putting forth a warrant article to establish a full-time Police Chief.

Lenny Ryan Motioned to approve the \$208,311.00 Police Department budget, recommended by the Selectmen, Anna Hullinger seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0-1.

7:10pm Kendra Braley came in to provide some budgeting information to the committee. Lenny Ryan Motioned to approve the appropriation to the Danbury Community center (\$35,000) and the Danbury Historical Society (\$800) for a total of \$35,800. Motion seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion passed 6-0

Motion by Anna Hullinger to approve Health Insurance, Unemployment, Retirement, Employee SS/Medicare \$170,230.00. The motion was seconded by Ashlynn Comeau. Motion passed

Ashlyn Comeau advised she would be abstaining from the first half of the Highway.

James Phelps motioned to reduce the highway department uniform by \$1500.00, from \$13,000 to \$11,500. Motion seconded by Tracy Feinauer. Motion passed.

James Phelps made a motion to reduce the highway department Administrative Assistant line by \$2000.00, from \$6000 to \$4000. Jessica Hatch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lenny Ryan motioned to approve the amended first half Highway Department budget total \$408,300. (\$411,800-\$3,500). Anna Hullinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James Phelps Motioned to reduce the Highway Hot Top line from \$188,000 to \$165,000 (-\$23,000). Seconded by Tracy Feinauer, Vote was tie 3-3. Motion failed. The Hot Top Line remains \$188,000.

James Phelps motioned to cut the Highway Winter Sand line from \$40,000 to \$20,000 (-\$20,000). Motion seconded by Anna Hullinger. Motion passed.

Lenny Ryan motioned to approve the amended second half of the Highway Department budget total \$314,000. (\$334,000-\$20,000) Motion seconded by Anna Hullinger. Motion passed 5-1

Jessica Hatch motioned to approve the Transfer Station Budget. (\$196,420) Seconded by Anna Hullinger. Motion passed.

Total operating budget approved by the Budget Committee, \$1,921,827.00

Capital Reserve / Warrant Articles

James Phelps made a motion to lower the Emergency Service Building Capital Reserve line from \$200,000 to \$100,000. Motion seconded by Tracy Feinauer. Vote 4 against- 2 in favor. Motion Failed.

Lenny Ryan Motioned to accept the Total Capital Reserve / Warrant Article \$432,000.000. Motion seconded by Ashlynn Comeau. Motion passed.

8:34pm Lenny Ryan motioned to adjourn. motion seconded by Jessica Hatch. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Lenny Ryan Budget Committee Chair

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