

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014

PRESENT: John Veaser, Chairman, Paul Termin, Wendy Freeman, Ron Stanley, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting. Paul seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Wendy presented the budget to the Committee. The budget remains the same as 2014 with a total of \$710.00. With regard to the education and training line, Wendy explained two new members have joined the Board and more alternates are needed. She expects them to be attending lectures and workshops as part of their training and education. Wendy noted the Board is starting to see an upswing in activity having had three public hearings at their last Board meeting.

Ron made a motion to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustment budget at \$710.00. Paul seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Department:

Chief Leel was not present. The Board reviewed the Fire Department budget:

- the budget request for 2015 is \$152,649
- there are nine lines that have increases for a total of a 30% increase in the overall budget
- 100% of the stipends are paid but data submitted shows he will not hit 100%; data shows there are several firefighters that do not show up
- suggest reducing stipends from \$49,815 to \$38,000
- the personnel line keeps going up
- in fire equipment maintenance, the budget was overspent last year and this year as well; \$2,000 may not be adequate
- if some are getting a full stipend but not attending, should they be removed
- there are 42 stipends but only 34 people are on the list of trainings/details attended
- education and training line has doubled
- last year requested was \$129,000, approved was \$133,000, and the default budget was \$117,500
- the heating line is up as they have to heat the fire bay as well as the trailer/office building
- need to take into account that fuel prices are down
- money has not been spent from inoculations last year or this year

- the fire vehicle line is up
- reviewing the actual for this year, the budget will be over spent; the budget was also overspent in 2013
- review of the backup for office supplies revealed some items that are maintenance items

Joanne will inform Chief Leel he needs to reduce his budget to \$120,500 and re-schedule with the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joanne Meshna
Land Use Manager