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Town of Griswold

28 Main Street
Griswold, CT 06351



**Board of Selectman
Special Meeting
Selectmen's Meeting Room
Thursday, January 30, 2020
5:00 PM**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Members Present: Todd Babbitt, First Selectman
Richard Grabowski, Selectman
Jared Picco, Third Selectman (late with notification, arrived at

Others Present: Julie Marcotte, Finance Director
Valerie Pudvah, Town Clerk
James Barnie, CIP Vice-Chair
Tina Falck, Senior Center Director
Louis Demicco, JCFD Chief
Thomas Holowaty, GVFD Chief
Fred Marzec, Fire Marshal

2. **Discussion and possible action on 2020/2021 departmental budgets**

Town Clerk – Budget was presented by V. Pudvah. An increase to longevity was put in as a method of increasing salary without setting up for someone new to come and making the same amount. There was an increase of 50 cents an hour put into the salary line, the increase in longevity was taken out. There was a decrease to indexing of around \$7,000 due to new Cott System. T. Babbitt suggested cutting the meeting line since there is extra money there.

CIP – Budget was presented by J. Barnie. BOE payroll software and support was put into the budget as well as stage curtains, energy wheel and security cameras for GES. The requested electric sign, Bollards at GES & GHS and repaving the campus entrance were put off to next year bringing the total proposed for the BOE to \$227,534. There were no human services requests. The only thing moved forward for Public Safety was \$40,000 for the 35 JCFD radio upgrades. J. Barnie gave an

overview of the public works portion noting that road improvements, according to the road study that was done, should be budgeted at 1.5 million a year, which has not ever been done but is put in for 1.2 million. There is one overhead door set to be replaced. The BR 1665 hammer is budgeted as they have been renting the use of one. The roller is scheduled to be replaced this year and the sweeper has been partially budgeted. The wash rack required by DOT has partial funding of \$30,000. The original budget proposed was \$1,941,055 and the committee reduced it to \$1,642,896. J. Bernie noted the proposed increase over last year is more than 50%. It is likely it will be cut. He also wanted to note that due to lack of maintenance at the school and the town, we are going to be in very rough shape in the future. The biggest complaint is roads and that is statistically always where the big cuts are made.

Senior Center – Budget was presented by T. Falck. The contractual temp was discussed and noted that it is used for fill in driver, which is not so much of an issue at this time. There were also other options discussed in relation to the requested \$50,000 for grant writer.

JCFD – Budget was presented by L. Demicco. The total budget shows an increase of 2%. Due to requirements the training line item has been increased by \$1500 and there is a minimal increase of \$559 to equipment. The 20 year old truck does need repair and is scheduled to be replaced. T. Holowaty came in to discuss retention options with both departments. There was discussion about a law that provides for the town to give a \$1500 tax abatement. The benefits of the abatement and retentions were discussed and there was no decision to change.

GVFD – Budget was presented by T. Holowaty. There was an overall increase of 1.5%. The biggest increase, again, is the mandate for EMS training. Training went up \$2000 which is the biggest increase to the budget. Radios went down \$1000 and equipment purchase \$100. EMS Supplies went up \$500 and fuel went up \$100. Both department budgets are comparable.

Fire Marshal – Budget was presented by F. Marzec. Budget was pretty much the same except for an increase for code books, postage and salary.

3. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by T. Babbitt, seconded by R. Grabowski, to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd Babbitt,
First Selectman