



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
February 25, 2015
7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room
APPROVED MINUTES



1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

Board of Finance Members Present:

Steve Merchant, Sr. – Chairman
Gail Rooke-Norman – Vice Chairman
Brian Baker
Scott Davis
Peter Dorff
Gary Levy
Dan Webster

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary
Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman
Tina Falck, Senior Citizen Director
Robert Hanson, Chief Jewett City Fire Department
Tom Holowaty, Chief Griswold Fire Department
George Kennedy, Registrar of Voters
Cathlene Briody, Registrar of Voters
Steven Mikutel, Second Selectman
Philip Anthony, Third Selectman
3 Other People

2. New Business

a). Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

4102- Senior Citizens – T. Falck outlined the department's budget. **5110 Overtime** - increased by \$1,000 due to the elimination of comp time with the new contract. **5212 Postage** - increased by \$50 for extra mailings for social services. **5216 Recreation Supplies** – was originally increased to \$6,500 however T. Falck stated she would like to keep it at \$6,000. **5232 Water** - increased by \$100 to have a small buffer seeing it ran so close this year. **5242 Transportation** - reduced by \$500 due to the new bus purchase which can hold 20 people. **Transfer to expansion fund** - new line item for seed money for the proposed new Senior Center at McCluggage Manor. **5145 Health Insurance** E. Christensen stated the decrease is due to Tina no longer being eligible for the insurance buyout per the new contract. Also the assistant is taking the insurance buyout instead of the Town's insurance. K. Skulczyck stated he is supportive of the Senior Center budget as did P. Anthony.

1401 – Elections and Registrations – G. Kennedy outlined the department's budget. **5212 Postage** - increased by \$1,100 for extra mailings to all voters per statute for annual canvas.

S. Merchant Sr. recused himself and left the room at 7:20PM due to being a member of the Griswold Fire Department.

2201- Emergency Services - Tom Holowaty outlined the Griswold Fire Departments budget. Total budget increased by \$2,800 primarily due to increased utility costs. **5504 Osha Physicals and Testing** increased by \$1,000 due to the forecasting of added members. **5517 Retention and Recruitment** proposed increase of \$10,000 for the projecting of added members eligible for the stipend and also to offset taxes. D. Webster asked how the money was divided up for the members. T. Holowaty stated he has a formula he uses based on calls and training. B Hanson requested the same amounts for the Jewett City Fire Department in his budget. Questions were asked regarding JCVFD not paying for electric. B. Hanson stated he has to pay for water and sewer and also stated his costs are higher due to the number of calls they received as well as having to pay for maintenance for his ladder truck. S. Davis asked why such a difference in monies spent thus far between departments. B. Hanson stated he had many repairs. T. Holowaty said he was saving his money till the end and hopefully buying much needed new turn out gear. B. Baker stated he would like to see the line items for each fire department's budget the same in order to compare both department expenditures side by side. G. Rooke-Norman agreed. **5120-Fire Marshall and Deputy** – E. Christensen stated the increase of \$4,800 is for additional hours for inspections of future business and housing. **5513-Ambulance and 5529-Bundle Billing** has been reduced to zero due to American Ambulance being the new provider.

S. Merchant Sr. returned to the room at 7:49. E. Christensen stated the date of 3/31/2015 for the Public Hearing conflicts with a Town Hall Meeting and possibly needs to be rescheduled. He will check on this matter and will be discussed at the next meeting. K. Skulczyck also added that the Grand List is almost complete. He will have a better idea on how much money will be added to the list and additional revenue expected.

- 3.) **Adjournment: MOTION:** D. Webster made a motion that was seconded by B. Baker to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; Motion carried. S. Merchant Sr. adjourned the meeting at 7:52PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Recording Secretary
Jeannette Bell**