

LEBANON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes, February 24, 2021

Lebanon Fire Station

- Meeting open – 6:30 p.m. Present were Laura Bragg, Chris Gilpatrick, James DuPrie, Deborah Wilson, Jeri Basko, Chip Harlow, Elaine Hartford, Michael Walsworth, David White, and Joyce Wood. Also present were Selectmen Charles Russell, Paul Philbrick and Corinna Cole.
- Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairwoman, Jeri Basko.
- Minutes of February 17, 2021 were reviewed. Laura Bragg made motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Chris Gilpatrick seconded, 7 voted in favor and 1 abstained.
- Outstanding Business
 1. Relief Agency Discussions:
 - a. York County Community Action – Lynne Davis spoke in support of this agency and requested that the Committee reconsider the reduced amount of \$2,000.00 and approve the requested amount of \$4,005.00. Motion made by James DuPrie was seconded by David White. Vote taken: 8 yes
 - b. Animal Control Budget Request - The Selectmen reported that, after speaking with the Animal Control Officer, that they will keep the original requested amount of \$17,500.00. This was discussed further with agreement to take this to the final vote.
 - c. The relief Agency worksheet was then reviewed line by line to review the amounts requested. \$550.00 was added as the Ryan House request. No votes were needed at this time.
 2. Budget Discussions
 - a. Transfer Station Discussion/Issues: Selectmen Russell reported that all of the information to make final decisions are not yet in. He said that they are looking at options for waste disposal. Current contract with Waste Management ends in June of 2022. Discussed was trucking, recycling, and costs to process tonnage of waste and recyclables.
 - b. Fire/EMS: Chief Flynn reviewed the Fire & Rescue budget request with questions and discussion by all. Highlights:
 - Wages Increase to include salary, paramedic and per diem coverage. He reported on current status for pay and coverage stating that personnel has increased which is needed. The potential to have night staff is being considered.
 - Ambulance and costs to operate and fees charged.
 - Mutual Aid and related costs.
 - Supplies: After discussion of “medical Supplies” James DuPrie made a motion to raise this from \$13,000 to \$15,000. Motion was seconded by David White. Vote taken: 5 Yes 3 Abstained
 - Building Maintenance: Chief Flynn explained that the roof at the main station needed work as well as the moving of the vent system over from the second station.
 - Vehicle Maintenance: Chief Flynn gave a list of the vehicles and stated that he is proposing to turn one truck over to the Town, perhaps for use at the transfer station, two other vehicles are going to go out for bid. There is constant need for maintenance on the other vehicles due to age. After further discussion, motion was

made by Chip Harlow to recommend to the Selectmen that this line item be increased to \$30,000. Laura Bragg seconded. Vote taken: 8 Yes

At this time Selectmen Philbrick reported that the LD 1 Limit is currently slightly under the limit and suggested to keep this in mind while developing the budget. He also reported that they have just learned that the Workers Compensation Insurance will go up by \$5,000.

- Chief Flynn suggested to take the \$2,000 out of Uniforms and add to the medical supply line item. This was discussed.
- This discussion on Fire/EMS was discussed further with the understanding that the Selectmen will review and make potential adjustments.
- Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.