

LEBANON BUDGET COMMITTEE
Minutes January 26, 2022
Lebanon Town Hall

- Meeting Open- 6:02 pm
- Present were Jeri Basko, Chris Gilpatrick Sr., Michael Walsworth, Elaine Hartford, Theresa Hartford, Chip Harlow, Robert Travers, Deborah Wilson, Corinna Cole. Also present were Selectmen James DuPrie and Paul Philbrick.
- Absent: Chris Gilpatrick Jr
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeri Basko
- Correction from “Motion to accept the minutes as reviewed” to “Motion to accept the minutes as corrected” made by Chip Harlow. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Chris Gilpatrick Sr. Yes 8 No 0 Abstain 0. By bylaws, the Chair, Jeri Basko, allowed Corinna Cole to be a voting member since Chris Gilpatrick Jr was absent.
- Old Business
 - Highways/Roads
 - Road Commissioner wages were discussed. Motion to put back Road Commissioner line from \$40,000 to \$45,000 made by Jeri Basko and seconded by Deborah Wilson. After discussion, 2 Yes 6 No 1 Abstain
 - Motion to go with Selectmen’s suggestion to raise Road Commissioner line from \$40,000 to \$48,150 made by Deborah Wilson. No second. No vote taken.
 - Backhoe line was discussed. Per Paul Philbrick, Scott wants to get rid of backhoe and loader and buy a new loader.
- New Business
 - Paul Philbrick passed out the budget totals. Per table, budget projected to go up by \$149,222, which is \$34,309.28 over LD-1 Limit.
- General Government (Highlights)
 - Personal Services
 - Regular wages were discussed. After discussion, motion made to decrease \$260,000 to \$236,000 made by Robert Travers and seconded by Elaine Hartford. After discussion, motion withdrawn. Regular wages line dropped from \$260,000 to \$241,000.
 - Overtime was discussed. After discussion, overtime line was decreased from \$2500 to \$2000.
 - Selectmen’s wages were discussed. After discussion, selectmen wages line went down from \$35,500 to \$30,000

- Employee Costs
 - Travel Expenses were discussed. After discussion, line dropped from \$5000 to \$4000.
 - Motion to decrease staff development and training line from \$4000 to \$3000 made by Elaine Hartford and seconded by Corinna Cole. After discussion, motion withdrawn. After discussion, line dropped from \$4000 to \$3500
- Insurance
 - Request for Insurance to be tabled and added to old business as information still to be determined. Per Paul, estimate to be received by Friday
- Supplies
 - Office supplies were discussed. After discussion, line dropped from \$5000 to \$4500. Deborah advised against decrease.
- Utilities
 - Electricity was discussed. After discussion, electricity line increased from \$4000 to \$5000.
- Repair/Maintenance
 - Robert inquired about current amount in CIP. Per Paul, \$30000 currently in CIP to be used on roof for Fire Station 1.
- Outside Services
 - Technology was discussed. James advised 5 computers and the server needs updating. Per James, cost of doing so would be \$6000.

At this point, meeting was running past 8:00. Motion to extend meeting by one hour made by Robert Travers and seconded by Jeri Basko. 8 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain

- After discussion, office equipment to be discussed later.
 - Shredding contract was discussed. After discussion, line dropped from \$500 to \$250
- Other
 - Bank fees were discussed.

At this point, Deborah Wilson voted to accept the meeting minutes as corrected.

The chair, Jeri Basko, reported that next week, transfer station would be discussed and to revisit things that were missing on general government. Questions about highway to be answered as well. Library to be discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Robert Travers and seconded by Corinna Cole. All voted in favor. Meeting ended at 8:31