

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING
November 28, 2022 – TOWN HALL

Present: Jasmin Couillard, Clayton Woodworth, Chris Wade, Rodney Graham

Town Manager, Jackie Higgins

Call to Order - Jasmin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Set the Agenda: Chris W. made the motion to set the agenda. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Review of Open Public Comments

Approve Warrant & Payroll: Chris W. made the motion to approve Payroll Warrant 11/24/2022 & SB22020. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Approve SB Minutes: Rodney requested the amendment of Minutes to reflect comment made by Barbara Graham regarding the mail and a lawsuit for slander and defamation of character. Jasmin requested removing "Budget" from the Minutes Title. Rodney made the motion to approve the minutes with the changes. Chris W. seconded the motion. So moved.

New Business:

Fire Department Budget:

- Replace 20 Year Tick on Engine 1
- Radio & Pagers – Replacement of all pagers & some radios
- Engine 1 – Body work
- Capital Fire Mutual Aid – asked to contribute for the update of radio towers. (\$2,200)
- Increase of FD Diesel Fuel to \$6,000
- Winter Tires for new Utility Truck (\$1,000)

Rodney made the motion to approve the Fire Department budget with additions. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Ambulance Budget:

- Capital Mutual Aid Contribution (\$2,200)
- Increase on Ambulance Diesel Fuel budget to \$5,000
- Power Loading System (\$48,000) Possible PACIF Grant.
- Benefits will be added to the budget once approved.

Rodney made the motion to approve the Ambulance budget with additions. Chris W. seconded. So moved.

General Budget:

- Video Recording budget went up
- Planning Commission Budget increase
 - Wages went up
 - Advertising for hearings
 - Mapping
- Lister Budget – No change

- BCA – Budget went down
- Elections – Budget went down
- Salary – TBD
- Health Insurance – Budget went down
- Insurance – Budget went down
- Credit Card Expenses – 2.85% Charge on Credit Card Payments
- Professional Audit – Budget went down
- County Tax – Remain the same or will go down
- Public Safety Building – Telephone Service went down, Electricity went up.

Discussion was had over the Town Report being mailed to towns people and budgeting less for that. Also, an Article to do away with Town Meeting was discussed as well. Possible discussion of an informational meeting before Town Meeting and possible Australian Ballot. Rodney also suggested a Reserve Account be set up to facilitate the Town Clock in the future. Rodney suggested \$10,000 to start the Reserve Account for the Clock. Discussion of adding the Recreation Board to the General Fund in addition to the donations received. Rodney stated that there is a percentage of the Grand List Total that can be utilized in Recreation.

Appropriations: Downstreet Housing requesting \$1,650. Rodney requested more information on the request from Downstreet for the next meeting.

Next Budget Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Around the Table: N/A

Executive Session: N/A

Adjourn: Motion was made to adjourn by Chris W. at 8:35pm and seconded by Clayton. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Keys

Jasmin Couillard

Clayton Woodworth

Chris Peloquin

Rodney Graham

Chris Wade