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TOWN OF RUTLAND
SELECT BOARD MEETING
RUTLAND TOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MINUTES-THURSDAY DECEMBER 28, 2017

Board Members Present: Josh Terenzini, Mary Ashcroft, John Paul Fagnant, Chris Kiefer-Cioffi, Joe Denardo

- Meeting opened at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tree Bids:

Town Tree Warden Mr. Fred Nicholson presented two bids for the timber sale at Northwood Park: Mendon Trucking and Excavating at \$29, 989.00 and Cersosimo at \$47,558.60. Mr. Nicholson explained Cersosimo's bid is higher because they grind down the stumps of the trees. Mr. Fagnant made a motion to accept the Cersosimo bid. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Budgets:

Recreation:

The Board and Mr. Rowe reviewed the Recreation Budget. After discussion the Board suggested increasing the chemical budget for Northwood Pool from \$5,000.00 to \$6,500.00.

Mr. Fagnant made a motion to remove the wage and salary adjustment line and giving all employees a 3% raise. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Terenzini stated the preliminary Recreation Budget total \$155,975.00 with an increase of \$3,701.00 as adjusted by Town Clerk/Treasurer Ms. Kirsten Hathaway. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Road Commissioner Mr. Byron Hathaway presented the Board with information regarding replacing the Recreation tractor. Information only, no action was taken.

Fire:

Mr. Cioffi presented his budget to the Board dated 11/26/17. Mr. Terenzini stated the wage and salary increase will bring the budget to \$44,341.50, administrator of salaries will increase to \$14,935.00 and social security will increase \$4,742.00. Ms. Ashcroft inquired about the increase of insurance from \$3,400.00 to \$3,550.00. Mr. Cioffi stated it was the recommendation of the insurance company to raise the premium.

The Board discussed placing an item on the ballot for the taxpayers to approve \$125,000.00 towards replacing breathing apparatus' in the amount of \$225,000.00 and taking the rest out of the Deprecation Fund.

Mr. Faignant made a motion to approve the Fire Budget as amended in the amount of \$200, 369.00. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Faignant presented two applicants for the Fire Department that have passed their background checks. Ms. Ashcroft made a motion to approve. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Transfer Station:

Transfer Station Manager Mr. Dick Lloyd reported a reduction in the budget of \$23,580.00 based on last year's overall costs, and the budget for employees was reduced to \$25,000.00. The preliminary budget is \$106,580. Mr. Faignant made a motion to approve the Transfer Station budget. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered adding Zero Sort Recycling at the Transfer Station. Mr. Lloyd will get equipment and installation prices for the next Board meeting. Mr. Faignant made a motion to table the issue and the budget until the next meeting. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Police:

The Board reviewed the Police Budget with an increase of .05%. Mr. Faignant made a motion to approve the Police Budget with the amended 3% increase for employees which will bring the budget to \$372,899.00 with a \$6,304.00 increase. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway:

Mr. Hathaway presented the Highway Budget in the amount of \$1,001,800.00 with a decrease of 2.2%. Mr. Hathaway reported he was offered an additional \$6,200.00 to take over water and sewer duties and calculated it into his hourly rate and increased Highway crew employee Mr. Walt Tripp's salary \$1.00. Mr. Hathaway asked the Board to move the current part-time position to a full time position with an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour. After discussion the Board decided to give Mr. Hathaway back the employee budget to calculate the 3% increase for the employees and the hourly rate for the full time person and present to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board collectively decided an hourly rate would be established for Mr. Hathaway to perform water and sewer duties until the budget becomes effective on July 1, 2018. It was established by the Board the monies would come out of the Water/Sewer Funds.

Mr. Hathaway cited a proposal from Mr. Rick Reed to plow the sidewalk on Cold River Road with a one hour minimum. Mr. Hathaway estimated it would be approximately \$140.00-\$190.00 per storm. No action was taken.

The board discussed replacing the Town tractor and how the monies would be allocated between the Highway and Recreation Departments. No action was taken.

Mr. Hathaway cited a proposal from Storm Water Manager Mr. Andres Torrizo regarding a scope of projects for 2018. After discussion the Board decided to budget \$15,000.00 for the projects.

General:

The Board decided on the following allocations for salaries: \$25,000.00 for Select Board \$52,788 for Listers, Town Clerk \$26,922.00, Town Treasurer \$26,922.00, and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer \$48,155.00.

The Board discussed the salary of the position of Administrative Assistant to the Select Board. Mr. Denardo made a motion to allocate \$50,000.00 for the position. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Denardo made a motion to eliminate the Assistant Town Administrator position. Mr. Faignant made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board and Ms. Hathaway reviewed the budget line by line and made various additions and subtractions.

Ms. Hathaway requested permission from the Board to issue a check to the Rutland Town School in the amount \$500,000.00 for operating purposes. Mr. Faignant made a motion to approve. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hathaway asked the Board for a vote on the percentage of the Operating and Maintenance fees for the water and sewer bills. Mr. Faignant made a motion to go back to the original rates of sewer 10% and water 20%. Mr. Denardo made a second to the motion. Motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Terenzini voting in the negative.

Mr. Faignant made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ashcroft made a second to the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.