

**Town of Woodstock Budget Committee Meeting**

**November 7, 2018**

Present: Joel Bourassa, Judy Welch, Roberta Vigneault, Charyl Reardon, Chad Morris, Steve Tower, and Helen Jones

Public: Chief Oleson, Patrick Griffin, Ken Chapman, Ivan & Paula Strickon, and David Tauber

Call to order at 5:35 pm by Roberta

Approve Minutes from October 24, 2018

Motion made by Charyl

Seconded by Steve

Approved Unanimously

New Schedule & Time

Changes reflect eliminated meeting

All meetings – Wednesday at 5:30 pm

November 7, 2018

November 28, 2018

December 5, 2018

December 19, 2018

January 9, 2019

January 16, 2019 (Joint meeting with Lincoln Budget Committee – In Woodstock)

January 23, 2019

New schedule approved unanimously

Review of Budgets:

**4215- Lin-Wood Ambulance Service**

Joel introduced members of the Ambulance service that were present.

Discussion:

Chief Tauber explained that the \$75,000 received from the town was spent to support volunteers/maintain a volunteer service by increasing pay, training, etc.

Committee approved \$75,000 appropriation unanimously.

**4210 – Police Presented by Chief Oleson**

The Police Department proposed budget of \$569,279 is an \$22,942 decrease over 2018.

Discussion:

Payroll was increased representing a 3% increase.

Operating expenses remained the same as last year.

**Capital Outlay:**

Will not be purchasing a cruiser or patrol rifles in 2019, have added ballistic vests in the amount of \$6,000.

**Capital Reserve:**

Police Equipment - Increase appropriation from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for additional ammo.

Pat Griffin recommended that a cruiser be purchased each year as they are being used fully and feels it would lower the cost of maintenance.

Charyl recommended that we table the decision to purchase until we have completed all budgets, committee approved.

**4290 – Emergency Management presented by Chief Oleson**

The Emergency Management proposed budget of \$8,200 remains the same as 2018 for 2019.

**4150 -Tax Collector Budget presented by Judy Welch**

The Tax Collector proposed budget of \$22,700 is a \$2,800 increase over 2018 the increase is due to wage increase and additional cost in postage.

**Discussion:**

Judy explained that the board is requesting increased wages as they have not increase in many years. They are in the process of completing a wage survey and maybe asking for another increase in 2020.

**4140 – Town Clerk presented by Judy Welch**

The Town Clerk proposed budget of \$42,038 is a \$38 increase over 2018.

**Discussion:**

Judy explained that the board is also requesting increased wages as they have not increased in many years. Town Clerk would like to purchase a new Clerk program (Interware) and purchase a new laptop for the supervisors of the check list. As election costs are down for 2019, these purchases will only increase the budget by \$38.

**Capital Reserve:**

Record Preservation appropriation of \$10,000 same as 2018.

**4191 - Planning Board Budget presented by Judy Welch**

The Planning Board proposed budget of \$5,000 remains the same as 2018 for 2019.

**4550 - Library Budget presented by Judy Welch**

The Library proposed budget of \$71,688 is an increase of \$1,551 over 2018.

**Discussion:** Judy explained that the increase includes a 3% payroll increase.

**Capital Reserve:**

Library Expendable Trust appropriation of \$1,000 same as 2018.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Fire Department

Public Works

Adjournment at 6:20 pm

Motion made by Charyl

Seconded by Steve

Approved Unanimously

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Helen Jones, Budget Committee Secretary*

  
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Roberta Vigneault, Chairperson

Date 11/28/18

