

Hill Budget Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2008

Members Present: Nancy Chaddock (Chairman), John Lynch (Vice Chair), Shaun Bresnahan (Secretary), Steve Farris (Selectmen), Shelly Henry (School Board), Rhonda Bucklin, Bob Dupuis, Joseph Mahoney, Paul Meyerhoefer, Paula McDonough, Vickie Plant, George Robie, Gary David and John Belco.

At 7:00 PM Nancy Chaddock called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the 1/28/08 & 1/31/08 meeting were approved.

Committee reviewed the estimated revenues for 2008.

3100 – Shaun questions the accuracy of gravel tax payments, the estimated payment equals about 55 10 wheelers/wk,

3200 – No Change

3290 – Reduced by \$3,000.00, 2007 this amounted \$2,432.71.

3300 – No change

3400 – This is up because of an insurance payment (\$16,447). In August a vehicle hit the High Bridge.

3500 – No Change

3600 – The Sale of Property for \$1,000.00, is for Bunker Hill Cemetery plots.

3700 – No Change

3810 – No Change

3820 - Revenue needs to be added for State's share of the High Bridge re-building.

3890 - Not sure how this number was arrived at, has to do with 2007 Highway Block Grant. Gary D. would like to know what the balance of the unreserved fund was when the tax rate was set.

Next we continued with the Proposed Expenditures.

4130 – John L. asked about copier maintenance, if we are getting a new one is it really going to cost 500.00 from the selectmen and town clerk? When you do the math the Admin. Assistant wage comes to a 4.5% raise, bottom line should be 43,051.00. Professional services, this increase is mainly do to the outdated accounting methods the town uses. Would cost 20-25,000 to be GSAB compliant. This in effect takes Town accounting and puts it into a business accounting system. Not really sure how this would benefit Hill.

4152 – Increase in assessing is mainly for current use. The town needs to update the applications since many are missing. New applications need to be mailed out and need to be signed and return, estimated to take 40 hours. Also captures for home improvements and appraisals for 20% of properties.

4153 – Grant writer (warrant article). There are several possible law suites on the horizon so additional money was budgeted for Attorney's fees.

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4155 – Retirement is for all employee's except Police.
4191 – Planning Board, no change in budget, most of their costs are reimbursed by applicants.
4194 – Under Maintenance selectmen would like to paint the Town Hall & Town Shed. There is \$7,500.00 for this work, the plan is to hire a temporary employee for the summer to do this work.
4195 – Cost of mowing is going up.
4196 – No change.
4210 – Chief changed fuel to \$5,500.
4215 – Bristol still hasn't provided a cost for ambulance service.
4220 – Shaun B. is shocked that the Fire budget was 12,400 over budget, and asked why vehicle maintenance was so high. Engine 2 needed to have 2 side compartment doors replaced. They popped when the truck was leaving the station. Chief asked the manufacturer to repair the truck, they wanted it for 3 weeks so the Chief asked if they could do it in Hill, which they did. Total cost was \$4,500, Chief didn't talk with the Selectmen prior to do this, the bill showed up in December. Wages are over budget because the last pay period of 2006 was paid in 2007 because it was submitted too late.

Shaun B asked how many members are there? There are 14 members, 9 are residents of Hill. Are there any plans to limit the membership, workmen's comp is for 25 members. With equipment cost of \$1,200/person and training @ \$400.00 seems we need to hold the line somewhere.

4290 – Over budget due to generator installation. Committee feels this expense should be transferred to the Equipment line.
4310 – No change.
4323 – Recycling is doing a good job reducing the number of loads of trash trucked to Penacook. Thinking about adding a 2nd compactor for cardboard.
4520 – No change, Athletic league expense is mostly for Umpire's.
4332 – No change.
4550 thru 4723 – No Change.
4900 – Grant writer and granite curbing for Commerce Street, Selectmen would like to see if resident are willing to undertake some of these low cost improvements to town.

General discussion around Reval. of Properties Capital Reserve account.

General discussion on a petition warrant article to rescind the selectmen's permission to spend from capital reserve accounts that they are designated as Agents for.

At 10:05 PM Shaun B makes a motion to adjourn, Joe M. seconds the motion and it passes.

Respectfully submitted

Shaun Bresnahan
Secretary

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