

Newington Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2009 6:30pm – Town Hall

Chr. Jack O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectmen Jan Stuart and Cosmas Iocovozzi, Admin Asst. Beatrice Marconi, Code Enf. Officer Charlie Smart, Fire Engineers Wib Goins, Ruth Fletcher and Steve Sabine; Fire Chief Roy Greenleaf and Asst. Chief Dale Sylvia. Representing the Police Dept - Chief Jon Tretter

Pledge of Allegiance

Police Department 2010 Budget - \$ 1,274,249 *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to recommend to the Budget Committee, Selectman Stuart seconded.*

Salary Line – Chief Tretter stated the salaries will be level for 2010 as giving step increases are at the discretion of the Police Commission and they chose not to fund for 2010. This year the Commission felt level was suitable due to the economy. Selectman Iocovozzi mentions that he doesn't want to see the salary line up an exorbitant amount for 2011 due to skipping steps for 2010.

Animal Control Officer - Although the officers are completing this duty at the present time, Chf Tretter does not want to promise that it won't come back in the future. The BOS suggested he budget a minimum amount in the line.

Equipment – This line showed an increase due to IMC software cross agency data sharing.

The personnel portion of the PD budget indicates a 3.06% increase in total bottom line mostly due to insurance. Chief Tretter notes his commissioners were able to hold the non-personnel portion of the budget level with last year.

Chr. Called for the vote – passed 3-0.

Emergency Management 2010 Budget - Level funded at \$ 13,068. (comes under general gov't)

Chief Tretter asked that the Selectmen consider funding the Child Advocacy Center for another year at \$1,000 under Regional Associations – gen. gov't budget

Fire Department 2010 Budget - \$ 1,279,740 – *Selectman Iocovozzi moved to recommend \$1,279,740 to the Budget Committee. Selectman Stuart seconded.*

Salary Line – No merit – No COLA – only designated steps based on length of service.

Call Uniforms Line – Should be funded to pay out of it.

The personnel portion of the FD budget indicates a 5.43% increase which represents \$ 59,417.

The operating portion (not including personnel items) is down by .86% which represents a decrease of \$ 1,085. The total bottom line shows an increase of 4.78%

Chr. Called for the vote – passed 3-0

Chief Greenleaf briefly went over the two warrant articles he's like the Board to consider those being \$25,000 added into the FD replacement and/or repair of vehicles operated by the FD

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\$15,000 added into the FD replacement of town ambulance and any major medical equipment.

Brief discussion regarding the command vehicle funding.

Misc – Alarm Proposal – The boom truck could be eliminated if the box alarms were to be eliminated.

Most people have cell phones in lieu of call box need. It would take about \$15,000 to upgrade all the bldgs and another \$3,000 to remove wires.

Regarding the School, Chr. O'Reilly suggests the school use a portion of their unused fund balance to incorporate their box upgrade and generator.

Carriage House Lighting Upgrade – Maldini - \$ 3,370.00

Selectman Stuart questioned the need for this upgrade with Charlie Smart explaining that the amount of foot traffic in and out, it is a safety issue. IF the bldg is someday converted into a function area, those lights being installed now could be transferred to the basement. ***Selectman locovozzi moved to accept the Maldini proposal not to exceed \$ 3,370. Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

Town Garage – The Selectmen decided to look into the cost of bonding. Selectman locovozzi wanted to be sure they did everything to lessen the blow of any spikes to tax rate. Selectman Stuart suggested a 10 year – spreading it out with option to pay off early. Chr. O’reilly agreed with 10yr bonding and hoped for a good presentation this year. Selectman locovozzi was going to speak with Eric. Numbering of the Warrant Articles must be well thought out but the Bond must come first.

Town Hall heating/cooling system – Brulotte – Proposal \$ 107,960. System would be much more efficient. ***Selectman locovozzi moved to approve the Brulotte contract not to exceed \$ 125,000 (includes time element). Selectman Stuart seconded. Motion passed 3-0*** to encumber what the Board could.

Budget Season Selectmens Schedule – After getting a quick run down, the Selectmen will each get a copy.

Fox Point Rental Unit –A brief discussion about the windows and insulation occurred amongst the Code Enforcement officer and the Selectmen. Will get window replacement price and Charlie will look more into the insulation situation.

Sign up for Offices - January 20, 2010 thru January 29, 2010

As a reminder for the Grants, we need to budget \$35,000 for the generator (school) and encumber for the Speed Sign out of Police.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn at 7:55pm. Selectman locovozzi seconded and without objection, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

**Beatrice Marconi
Administrative Asst.**