

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for Budget Review Meeting
February 16, 2017; 6:30 pm
Municipal Building

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Todd Fratzel, Vice Chairman; David Hoyt, William Wilmot, Jr.; John Hooper II

STAFF PRESENT: Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Paul Brown, Finance Director; Wayne Conroy, Fire Chief; Jim Burroughs, Police Chief

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: none

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kessler called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

Newport Public Safety Departments

I. Police Department

Police Chief Burroughs addressed the BOS and gave highlights of the Police Department. Police Chief Burroughs and the Board members then discussed the following line items:

- Typographical errors: Police uniforms read \$1,100-should be \$11,000; Drug money read \$5,000-should be \$500 in the BOS worksheets.
- Fuel
- Inflated electricity line item
- Positions
- Grants
- Vehicle maintenance in-house/out-sourced
- Vehicles
- Ammunition
- NCIC
- Status of cruiser cams; possibility of review of procedure at future BOS meeting
- Status of firing range
- Telephone upgrade
- Dispatch
- Capital Reserve
- Communications-Chairman Kessler asked the status of purchasing a new base unit for the Public Works Department

II. Prosecution

Police Chief Burroughs and the Board members discussed the following line items:

- FICA-will be looked into
- Police staff training
- Court overtime
- Arrest/Court statistics

III. Newport Emergency Medical Services

Fire Chief Wayne Conroy, Finance Director Brown and the Board members discussed the following line items:

- ❖ Salaries
- ❖ Shifts
- ❖ Overtime/ Per Diem/Call

Selectman Fratzel addressed Fire Chief Conroy and thanked him for his work in cutting overtime in the department.

- ❖ Health Insurance
- ❖ Ambulance Billing
- ❖ Vehicle Maintenance
- ❖ EMS Contract-Life Pac 15

Fire Chief Conroy informed the BOS that they currently had three paramedics: 2 full time & 1 part time.

IV. **Newport Fire Department**

Fire Chief Wayne Conroy, Finance Director Brown and the Board members discussed the following line items:

- Fire alarms
- Pension
- Call pay* needs updating on the BOS budget worksheet
- Vehicles
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Equipment
- Capital Reserve for fire and ambulance
- Fire Department Coverage* needs new number in BOS worksheet

BOS suggested working with Police Chief Burroughs to try to acquire 50/50 grants through NH Highway & Safety.

V. **Emergency Management**

Fire Chief Wayne Conroy and the Board members discussed the following line item:

- ✓ Belonging to the Regional Hazmat Team

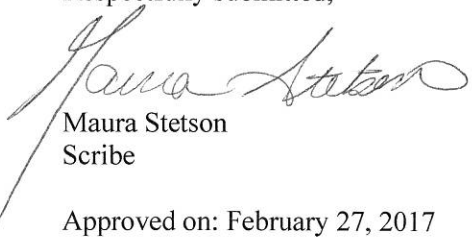
VI. **Health**

The Board members had no questions of Fire Chief Conroy.

There being no further business, on a motion by Selectman Fratzel, seconded by Selectman Wilmot; *the Board voted to adjourn at 9:08 pm. The motion passed 5-0-0.*

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Stetson
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Approved on: February 27, 2017