DUBLIN BUDGET COMMITTEE
Budget Hearing Minutes
February 10, 2016

Present: Charlie Champagne (Chairman), Bill Gurney, Judy Knapp, Dale Gabel, Rich Scheinblum, Sturdy Thomas (Selectmen's Representative) and Tom Warren

Also Present: Sherry Miller - Town Administrator

Hearing was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Champagne.

Charlie thanked everyone responsible for the preparation of the budget, especially Sturdy Thomas, Selectmen's representative and Sherry Miller, Town Administrator.

Charlie reviewed the Operating Budget by department. All departments have a 2% wage increase except for Police which has a larger increase due to a promotion of one of the officers.

Sara Germain clarified that the Election increase was due to an increase in the number of elections this year over 2015.

Police Department: Budget Committee disagrees with Selectmen on the Part-Time Officer line. Charlie explained why the Budget Committee does not recommend the expenditure for an additional part-time officer and the uniform costs associated with that hire.

Revenue Budget: a brief overview of the Revenue Budget.

Warrant Articles:

Article 6: Pave Town Hall Parking Lot: $25,000

Article 8: Complete Phase II: $137,000

Article 9: Grader: $260,000. Sturdy spoke to the need for a new grader and the possibility of the Brian being able to find a used grader that is appropriate to our needs.

Article 10: Replace roof on Highway Garage: $18,400.

Article 11: Replace roof at the Police Department: $9,100. Roof is currently leaking.

Article 12: Replace roof on Shed at Transfer Station: $3,100

Article 13: Replace roof at the Post Office: $11,430

Article 14: Storage Container at the Transfer Station: $4,000
Article 15: Cemetery Lawn Tractor: $3,400

Article 16: Capital Reserve Fund: $283,000

Article 17: Playground Equipment at DCS: $25,000. Selectmen recommend and Budget Committee does not recommend. Sturdy stated that originally they had requested more money than the Selectmen felt they could support but the Selectmen fully support this article at the level of the article. Emily Bennett spoke of the need for the new playground. Even though it is well maintained it is felt that it is just a matter of time before equipment fails. Mary Armstrong compared this playground with the cost of Adams Playground in Peterborough. Ed Germain asked what changes would be made. The current price estimate is approximately $52,000. Sterling Abrams asked if the $25,000 would represent the total cost. The total cost will be approximately $52,000 of which $17,000 has already been raised and they are going after additional grants.

Article 18: Dublin Advocate: $4,000

Article 19: Funding Health and Welfare Agencies: $7,799. Budget Committee feels that tax revenue should not be used for charities since charitable donations should be the decision of the donor not mandate by the town.

Article 20: Trust Funds: $12,775. Allan Pinney questioned why the town funds were used to replace the boiler at the Library and explained that there were funds in Library Trust funds to cover this expense.

Article 21: Cemetery Trust Funds: $575

Article 22: Dublin Community Center: $9,000. Neither the Selectmen nor the Budget Committee recommend this article. Bridget McFall spoke to this. This is to offset the departure of the volunteer who ran the Center and this would assist in the operation of the Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Knapp, Co- Secretary
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