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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date: December 3, 2018 Time: 4 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.2

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz and Cheryl Waterman
Others: Town Administrator Terri Baines, Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

EMT hire Kaitlin Jacobs was added.

The Board discussed the hiring process. Jacobs can be trained but not hired until approval at the December 11th Selectboard meeting. Drinkwater will bring Jacobs to the December 11th meeting for approval.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. New Business

A. Chief Calderwood – 2019 Budget

The Board and Chief Calderwood discussed repairs made this year.

Pump tests are done once a year to recertify the pump. A pump test is approximately \$1000. This line was reduced from \$7000 to \$5000.

Misc. Repair for equipment was left the same.

Fail Test was left the same. In 2018 the fire department had to replace 100 feet of hose.

The Cascade System is finally acting properly.

The Fire Department has less SCBA Hydro bottles to test this year.

The Chief requested \$10,000 in his draft budget to do maintenance on two fire ponds in 2019. The fire ponds he would like to work on are the fire pond on Westbrook Street and the one behind the Municipal Building. The Board and the Chief discussed fire pond maintenance. There is currently \$5000 in the Fire Pond Maintenance Reserve Account. The Fire Chief has assessed all the fire ponds in the town. Two options: fund \$5000 in reserve, and keep \$5000 in the line item or put \$5000 in the reserve account. After a discussion the board recommended only funding \$5000 in the reserve fund.

Fuel has increased because the department is using the trucks for training.

In the draft budget the chief has \$250 for training materials and \$250 for travel. These line items are a place for possible reduction. The Training School line has increased in order to send a fire fighter to Fire Fighter 1 & 2 class.

AFG, Assistance Fire Fighters Grants. The Chief has applied for this grant. If awarded the Town would be responsible for 5% of the total cost. This would replace all airpacks. If the Chief is awarded the grant the 5% the Town would pay would come out of the reserve account.

09 Category

Delete Storage Container \$5000

Remove traffic equipment \$1500

Move PRE \$4000 to Turn Out Gear.

Remove Portables \$2,500

Radio handsets change to \$3000. Fund out of Fire Equipment Reserve

Removed Skid Tank Rescue \$5,500

Discussion held regarding stipends/wages for Fire Department. The Chief will come back to the Board.

Reserves:

Communication Equipment delete \$6000

SCBA Bottles delete \$2000

Fire Equipment delete \$5000

Fire Truck Repair reduced to \$5,723.09 from \$8000.

B. Accept Town Administrator Resignation

Board of Selectman accepted resignation of Terri Baines as Town Administrator with deep regret.

Adjournment

Adjourned @ 1755.