



Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting 27 February 2017

Call to Order: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chair Win Williams.

Roll Call: Win Williams, Chair; James Dyer, Vice Chair; Rita Anderson; Len VanGaasbeek Jr.; Lenny VanGaasbeek III; Jack Rogala; Martha Turner, Sec. (Absent: Meg Gardner)
Select Board: Mike Seely and Roger Hicks.

Review of Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 20 February 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

0500 Snow Removal and Sanding

Mr. Dyer asked if the plowing contract was put out to bid. Mr. Seely replied that it was; two bids were received, but one did not comply with the bidding process requirements. The winning bid was \$345,678. This is just for the plowing. Mr. Hicks explained that the Town of Hollis buys the sand and salt. He noted that the town has approximately 67 miles of road to plow, which includes Routes 117 and 35, but not 202 which is plowed by the state.

Mr. Hicks reported that he and Mr. Rogala recently attended a workshop concerning the benefits of using a brine solution to treat the roads. He stated that this will save money, while providing better road treatment in the winter months. He is hoping to be able to acquire a brine tank for the Town of Hollis.

In answer to questions about the large entry under "miscellaneous expenses" Mr. Seely replied that the \$149,822.55 is actually the amount that has been paid out on the plowing contract to date. He will rename this line item for clarification.

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$434,000 for 0500 Snow Removal and Sanding. Motion carried 6-0-0.

0600 Highway

Mr. Hicks noted that this includes dust control measures for the town's dirt roads. He stated that if the town has a brine tank, the brine will do a better job of dust control and each application will last longer. He also noted that culvert maintenance is a large expense every year.

Mr. Hicks and the Road Commissioner have done a survey of all town roads. This information will be entered into a computer program, provided by the State, which will assist in keeping track of the conditions of the roads and help set priorities for repair/rebuilding.

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$147,205 for 0600 Highway. Motion carried 6-0-0.



BUDGET COMMITTEE

TOWN OF HOLLIS

34 TOWN FARM ROAD

929-8552

0601 Paving

Mr. Williams asked if the Select Board gets bids on paving projects. Mr. Hicks replied that they do indeed get bids, usually from Dayton, Shaw Bros., and F. R. Carroll. Mr. Hicks stated that Sand Pond Road and Salmon Falls Road are two of the roads that need to be rebuilt. Last year's major project was Haley Road.

Mr. Seely stated that any money that is allocated for paving but not spent can be carried forward for future paving projects, allowing the funds to accumulate until there is enough money for the next major project. Mrs. Anderson suggested perhaps more money should be allocated for paving projects.

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$150,000 for 0601 Paving. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Mrs. Anderson stated that she abstained because she feels more funds should be allocated to catch up on all the roads that need work. Mr. Hicks stated that the Town has made the last payment on the Killick Pond project, and now the Town is debt free.

1100 MSAD6 Education

Mr. Seely and Mr. Hicks emphasized that the amount requested is an estimate at this time because the school district's budget committee is still working on the proposed budget for next year.

Motion made and seconded to approve \$4,104,936 for 1100 MSAD6 Education. Motion carried 6-0-0.

1800 Animal Control

Mr. Dyer asked if Hollis has an Animal Control Officer at this time. Mr. Seely replied that the Town has hired Kaden Flynn, who is shared with the town of Limington. He is available 24/7 to respond to all animal calls, bites, fights, strays, etc. Limington shares his expenses, such as paying for half the cost of his cell phone. He noted that Hollis still contracts with the Animal Welfare Society in Kennebunk, but the shelter will not take a severely injured animal requiring veterinary care.

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$13,015 for 1800 Animal Control. Motion carried 6-0-0.

2390 York County Taxes

Mr. Hicks explained that the York County budget is processed through the County Manager, the County Commissioners, and the County Budget Committee. Mr. Williams noted that the County Budget Committee is not just an advisory committee, but can actually change budget amounts.

Mrs. Anderson asked what the York County taxes actually pay for. Mr. Hicks stated that the taxes cover expenses such as county sheriffs and deputies, jail, courthouse, probate, and registry of deeds, among others. He also noted that this item is an estimate, as the county budget process is just beginning.

Motion was made and seconded to approve \$245,583 for 2390 York Co. Taxes. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Next Meeting: Monday 6 March 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Community Building. The non-municipal requests will be reviewed at that time. Mr. Seely will prepare a draft of the warrant, which will include all monetary items. Mr. Williams suggested also scheduling a Budget Committee meeting after the town meeting in June, to review the budget that is approved by the voters.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Martha Turner, Secretary
Approved by Budget Committee 6 March 2017