

Town of South Thomaston, Maine: Budget Committee minutes #2

Wednesday January 23, 2013

Present:

Selectmen – Robert Branco and Jeff Northgraves

Budget committee members – Chuck Hartman, Gayle Gallant, Moira Paddock, Becky Geesey, Donna Withington and Dorothy Meriwether
Absent: Kennedy Wilson

Town Administration – Barbara Black, Michelle Ames and Terri Baines

Guest – George Chappell, Colin Grierson and Becky Butler

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Budget Committee minutes from January 22, 2013 were amended and approved as amended.

All budgets will receive a preliminary approval until the committee hears all budgets.

Unclassified/Cemetery (695)

Colin Grierson presented the budget. Topics of discussion included: completion of avenues at Village Cemetery, fencing at Forrest Hills, also the development and submission of a job description to the selectmen for a cemetery overseer. The budget committee chairman feels a higher salary would be required for the overseer. The increase to the GRSF from \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 must be voted on at town meeting but is also inclusive to the submitted budget.

Chuck Hartman moved to approve the preliminary budget.

Gayle Gallant seconded.

Motion passed 6-0

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget 690-59 Cemetery Reserve at \$1,000.

Gayle Gallant seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Emergency Management (590)

Becky Butler presented the EMA budget. Congratulations were given to Becky for being awarded the first level of local EMA Director

Barbara Black presented the Animal Control budget

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget of \$19,609.00

Gayle Gallant seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Building and Grounds (540)

Jeff Northgraves presented the budget. Discussion included monies allotted to pay for keeping the building shoveled every day, also the library needs to be shoveled. Jeff stated that an additional bathroom is not possible at the current facility.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget

Chuck Hartman seconded

Motion passed 6-0

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Jeff also presented 690-60 Building Reserve. The sum of \$2,000.00 was submitted for the purpose of future remodel or new facilities.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget

Gayle Gallant seconded

Motion passed 4-2

Public Works (610)

Bob Branco presented the budget. Discussion included Westbrook repairs.

Becky Geesey moved to approve the preliminary budget

Gayle Gallant seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the preliminary budget 690-57 Paving Reserve for \$32000

Donna Withington seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Health & Sanitation (630)

Jeff Northgraves presented the Demo Debris budget. It was noted that the town has returned to burning and ash disposal. The town is now in compliance.

Moira Paddock presented the transfer station budget. The station has completed DEP compliance requirements and is to be revamped. All towns involved share all costs.

Moira noted: a cost increase of 6.57%, the transfer station is not using surplus funds, truck fees are up and revenues are down.

Walmart is not expected to impact operation.

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget.

Gayle Gallant seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Debt Service (670)

Barbara Black presented the budget. The town expects to borrow a tax anticipation note as it has in previous years. This year's amount is \$1,000,000.00. The town anticipates a good interest rate.

This is the final long-term debt payment on the new ambulance (\$7,780.00)

Gayle Gallant moved to approve the preliminary budget

Chuck Hartman seconded

Motion passed 6-0

Capital Expense (702)

Jeff Northgraves presented the budget. Monies are to be used for a new demo building and electrical repairs. (\$5,000.00)

Donna Withington moved to approve the preliminary budget

Chuck Hartman seconded

Motion passed 6-0

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Moira Paddock moved to adjourn at 8:20pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Withington