

Minutes
Special Bar Harbor Town Council
January 25, 2018

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 p.m. – In attendance were Councilors: Paul Paradis, Gary Friedmann, Stephen Coston, Peter St. Germain, Erin Cough, Matthew Hochman; and Town Manager Cornell Knight.

II. **BUDGET COST CENTER:**

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A. **School Department** (separate Tab)

Revenues	School 01
Expenses	School 02
Capital Improvement Program (CIP Tab)	
Narrative	CIP Narrative 18-19
School	CIP Expenses 06

Principal Barb Neilly gave an overview of the school’s proposed budget highlighting any decreases and/or increases of 5% or more. Blue Cross Blue Shield is budgeted for 10% increase until they receive notice of the actual cost. Staff now pays 18% of their medical insurance premium. No new personnel is planned for FY19. The student enrollment is stable, it’s anticipated the usual fluctuation throughout the year. It’s a teacher contract year and negotiations are ongoing. The grant and title funds are disappearing for ed techs. With 13 young teachers, salaries and medical insurance premiums are expected to decline from previous years.

The gym floor suffered major water leak and after much discussion and consideration; the repairs are nearly completed, but it depleted the school’s capital improvement fund.

Ms. Neilly gave a detailed overview of the proposed bond for school renovations that is totaling \$8.7 million, but proposing it be done in phases. First phase \$5,125,500. The architect and engineers affirmed the two buildings are structural sound and good shape for their age. A newly constructed school would be over \$24 million, and Bar Harbor would not meet the threshold of State funding.

Superintendent Dr. Marc Gousse stated the AOS is continuously looking at ways to combine resources and expenditures to make the island schools more efficient. There is talk of regional middle school(s), but that is years out, if at all. Several public sessions were held, but it’s still in preliminary

stage of discussion. There is immediate need of major renovations starting with the two roofs and the domino effect once the project begins.

Following much discussion regarding the proposed bond, Mr. Hochman, with second by Mr. St. Germain, move to amend CIP appropriation line #6648, Renovations to Connors/Emerson, from \$4,150,000 to \$5,128,500. Motion passed 6-0.

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B. Police Department

Revenues & Fees Schedule	
Revenues	Revenue 02
Fees Schedule	Rev: Fees 11
Expenses	
Police Department	Budget 05-06
Dispatch Division	Budget 06
Street Lights	Budget 06
Capital Improvement Program	
Narrative	CIP Narrative 12-13
Police Department	CIP Expenses 03
*Dispatch	CIP Expenses 03

Following comments, no action was taken.

C. Fire Department

Revenues & Fees Schedule	
Revenues (Ambulance/Fire)	Revenue 02
Fees Schedule (Ambulance)	Rev.: Fees 07

Fire Chief Matt Bartlett suggested increasing the fee for Assistance to Other Ambulance Service (ALS) from \$220 to \$250. Mr. Coston, with second by Mr. St. Germain, moved to increase ALS from \$220 to \$250 at the request of the Fire Chief. Motion passed 6-0.

Expenses	
Fire Department	Budget 04-05
Public Fire Protections	Budget 05
Public Safety	Budget 06
Emergency Management	Budget 07
Capital Improvement Program	
Narrative	CIP Narrative 11-12
Ambulance	CIP Expenses 02
Fire Department	CIP Expenses 02
Public Safety	CIP Expenses 03

Following comments, no further action was taken.

- III. **Review of Proposed Budget** – *Possible changes to proposed budget.* – Council recapped their changes; reducing Cooperating Agencies who requested less than FY18 appropriation, reduction in funding CIP sidewalk construction by \$28,000 to that of the Cruise Ship funding level, and increase the bond for school renovations by \$978,500.
- IV. **Tentatively Adopt FY19 Budget** – *Possible action to:*
- A. *Submit FY19 Budget to Warrant Committee as proposed/or amended.*
 - B. *Schedule a public hearing on Tuesday, February 20th to tentatively adopted FY19 Budget.*
- Mr. Hochman, with second by Mr. St. Germain, moved to tentatively adopt the budget as amended during the budget process, submit the amended budget to the Warrant Committee, and schedule a public hearing for February 20, 2018. Motion passed 6-0.
- V. **REMINDER – Special Meeting** – *March 27, 2018 with the Warrant Committee.*
- Town Manager Cornell Knight** announced Task Force on Aging mailed out a survey to residents 50 or older, the deadline to return the survey is January 30th. Surveys are posted online through the Town website and Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, and also available at the Jesup Library.
- Mr. Friedmann** announced The Climate to Thrive Summit: Powering Our Future will be held at the MDI High School, Sunday, January 28th, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m, with speakers, 13 workshops, and food provided by local chef Michael Anderson of August Moon and music by MDIHS jazz combo.
- Mr. Paradis** thanked Councilors for their time and review of the proposed budget.
- VI. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. St. Germain, with second by Mr. Hochman, moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed 6-0.

Patricia A. Gray, Town Clerk