

**HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
BUDGET WORK SESSION**

Date: Friday, January 8, 2016

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Selectmen's Meeting Room

Attendance

Eileen Latimer, Chairman

Brian Lapham, Vice Chairman

Phil Bean, Selectman Representative

Jerry Znoj, School Board Representative SAU 90

Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative – Left at 8:45 p.m.

Michael Plouffe

Stephen LaBranche

Timothy "Citizen" Jones

Sandra Nickerson

Michael Pierce

Scott Blair

Nicholas Bridle

Absent (excused)

Vacant Seat

Sunny Kravitz

James O'Loughlin

- 1) Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Introduction of members
- 4) Discussion, Review, and Recommendation of Municipal Money Warrant Articles:
Any remaining Warrant articles not previously discussed or new entries

Chairman Latimer welcomed Fire Chief Jameson Ayotte

Article 28 – Fire Prevention Secretary

Moved by Ms. Nickerson, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$45,365 for the Fire Prevention Secretary position

Shall the Town of Hampton vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,365 to bring the Fire Prevention Secretary position to a 40 hour per week full time status. This shall be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the

hiring is complete or by March 31, 2017, whichever is sooner? (Majority vote required)

Note: Warrant article figure presented is for 39 weeks from April 1 to December 31, 2016, the annual cost thereafter is \$60,486.

Fiscal Impact Note (Finance Dept.) The estimated 2016 tax impact on \$45,364 is \$0.016 per \$1,000 valuation (one point six cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Chief Ayotte: the position is responsible for coordinating the office of Fire Prevention, for all the business billing, for all business permitting, recording all the documentation.

Mr. Znoj asked if the \$60,000 was her projected salary.

Ms. Pulliam said that would include salary, social security, Medicare, retirement, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance and worker's compensation. It is the complete package; her salary is \$36,067.20.

Vote: 9 Yes, 2 No (Jones, Pierce) 1 Abstention (Znoj). Motion passed.

5) Committee Budget Review and Recommendations Session 1 of 2

Chairman Latimer asked what the final budget number is

Ms. Pulliam said the total budget would be \$26,886,962.

Chairman Latimer asked Ms. Pulliam for the breakdown line by line.

Liability and General Insurance	430,550
Worker's Compensation	577,829
Municipal Insurance	3,949,133
General Government	9,225,325
HSB Hired Equipment Summer	20,200

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, to change the number of \$5,600 NHMA Dues to the actual number of \$17,027

Mr. LaBranche withdrew his motion.

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. LaBranche to change the number of the Municipal Insurance to \$3,949,133

Chairman Latimer said these are not final numbers on the municipal insurance.

Mr. Blair said the new total budget is \$26,886,827.

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Blair to pass the budget for \$26,886,827

Chairman Latimer said it would be correct to open the budget for discussion, but not to pass. That can be seconded then we can open the budget up and go line by line. I would ask you to withdraw the motion to approve and open the budget for discussion. Otherwise you are going to go down a road to approve \$26,886,827.

Mr. Blair said that is the right road to go down, which is why I seconded it.

Chairman Latimer asked if that is exactly what you gentleman want to do, you want to put that whole budget up as it is right now?

Mr. Blair said yes and has a discussion on that.

Mr. Pierce asked what you are trying to do, I don't understand.

Mr. Jones said it is to beat the clock.

Mr. Blair said no, it has nothing to do with the clock, what it has to do with is a dysfunctional town government where; this is my first year and only year on this committee, thank goodness, but it is just dysfunctional and when we are talking about a \$26-\$27 million dollar budget and you are \$300,000 apart we could knit pick it, we could change here and change there, but let's get the Budget Committee, the Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Finance Director on board, and let's sell this budget to the Town.

Mr. Pierce said what if we don't want to.

Mr. Blair said then vote no.

Mr. Pierce said you are not even allowing us to discuss it, or manipulate it or change things we think are necessary to change.

Mr. Bridle said we have discussed the budget for 33 hours with all the department heads to this point.

Chairman Latimer asked if they were saying that every line on the here, you are okay with?

Mr. Blair and Mr. LaBranche said yes.

Selectman Bean said there is a motion and a second.

Chairman Latimer said there is a motion and a second to pass this budget as it is for \$26,886,827, and I will put up for discussion, but not review, because of the way this

motion has been worded. I think we should go around the table and factor what we are doing with this particular motion, as it is.

Mr. LaBranche said we have interrogated or interviewed every department head, we have gone over this entire budget; it is a small increase over last year's budget; they have trimmed and kept it very lean. It is only \$300,000 over the default budget and if I feel that we are there, we have spent a lot of time and now we are there, that is my opinion.

Chairman Latimer said we have gone through the workshops with no determination by this committee on any line. We have had presentation, but not voted on any particular line, we left it open for this review. We also have things in this budget that we asked to be moved out of funds. Just to approve this number we have no input. There is a process that we agreed to at the beginning; we said at the end we would go through the entire budget and make our decisions then.

Mr. Znoj said back in April or May we all agreed to it.

Mr. LaBranche said if my motion does not pass then you can dissect it.

Ms. Nickerson said so you are not accepting any amendments, but she does not have an amendment at the moment, as she is concerned about the Conservation group and the welfare group. But she is not throwing out a number of increases or decreases. We never have done it this way before, it was always when they were here we always voted then, so when they moved out the door they always knew.

Ms. Nickerson said the motion that Stephen made is out of order, because you already voted unanimously to do it this way.

Mr. Jones said there is no rule that says she cannot make a motion to change the rule.

Mr. Znoj said I think the Chairman should rule Stephen out of order, so we can get on with it.

Chairman Latimer called for a ten minute break at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman Latimer called for a vote.

Vote: 5 Yes, 7 No (Znoj, Plouffe, Latimer, Lapham, Jones, Nickerson, Pierce) 0 Abstention. Motion Failed.

Moved by Mr. Lapham, seconded by Mr. Jones to open the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$26,886,827 for discussion

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Jones). Motion passed.

Executive Section

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Znoj add \$2,000 to Legal Expenses in the Budget Committee taking it from Legal outside Services.

Making the total Executive Section - \$294,233

Vote: 10 Yes, 1 No (Bean), 1 Abstention (Jones). Motion passed.

Secretary Wages - \$1,906

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to increase Secretary Wages to \$2,500

Vote: 7 Yes, 5 No (LaBranche, Bridle, Blair, Jones, Bean), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Executive - \$294,827

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Znoj to accept \$294,827 for the Executive

Vote: 7, 4 No (Jones, LaBranche, Bridle, Blair) 1 Abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Election - \$260,326

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Lapham the total of Election of \$260,326

Mr. Znoj said the Town Clerk wants to add another part time file clerk for \$6,864 and eliminate that.

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to eliminate adding another part time file clerk for \$6,864

Mr. Lapham said he sees a need for this position.

Chairman Latimer said she was in favor of placing \$1,500 to hire someone to

Ms. Nickerson said she was in favor of placing a small amount of money in the account and hiring a temp for assistance.

Vote: 6 Yes, 6 No (LaBranche, Bean, Bridle, Blair, Lapham, Ladd) 0 Abstentions. Motion failed.

Mr. Ladd left the meeting at 8:45.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. LaBranche to accept Election 4140 line \$260,326

Vote: 7 Yes, 4 No (Nickerson, Jones, Latimer, Znoj), 0 Abstentions. Motion passed.

Finance - \$1,066,818

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Znoj to remove \$29,840 from MIS making Line 6100 to \$13,680 from the Supplies and Expenses Line under MIS giving a total at the bottom of Financial is \$1,036,978

Vote: 8 Yes, 2 No (Bridle, Blair) 1 Abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Bridle, seconded by Mr. Pierce to reduce the MIS total budget by \$7,080

Vote: 5 Yes, 4 No (Blair, Lapham, LaBranche, Latimer) 2 Abstentions (Bridle, Bean). Motion passed.

Total for MIS - \$205,915

Total for Finance - \$1,029,898

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to accept Finance total of \$1,029,898

Vote: 7 Yes, 3 No (LaBranche, Bridle, Blair) 1 Abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Legal - \$198,875

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to accept Legal total of \$198,875

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to reduce \$25,000 from outside counsel fees

Vote: 6 Yes, 5 No (Bean, Bridle, Lapham, Blair, LaBranche), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Lapham to accept Legal total of \$173,875

Vote: 7 Yes, 3 No (LaBranche, Bridle, Blair) 1 Abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

Personnel Administration - \$3,011,645

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. LaBranche, to accept Personnel Administration total of \$3,011,645

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (Bean, Jones). Motion passed.

Planning & Zoning - \$145,470

Moved by Mr. Lapham, seconded by Mr. Pierce, to accept Planning & Zoning total of \$145,470

Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions (Bean, Jones). Motion passed.

Government Buildings - \$102,674

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to accept Government Buildings total of \$102,674

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to remove \$4,000 from the heating and fuel line

Vote: 6 Yes, 5 No (LaBranche, Bean, Lapham, Blair, Bridle) 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to accept Government Buildings total of \$98,674

Vote: 7 Yes, 4 No (Bridle, Blair, Bean, LaBranche), 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Cemeteries - \$122,467

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Plouffe to accept Cemeteries total of \$122,467

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention Motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Insurance - \$3,949,133

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to accept the Municipal Insurance total of \$3,949,133

Vote: 9 Yes, 2 No (Nickerson, Jones) 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Parking Administration - \$75,550

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Znoj, to accept the Parking Administration total of \$75,550

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

General Government - \$9,161,864

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Lapham to accept the General Government total of \$9,161,864

Vote: 6 Yes, 4 No (Bridle, Blair, LaBranche, Bean) 1 Abstention (Jones). Motion passed.

Police Department - \$3,980,438

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Pierce to accept the Police Department total of \$3,980,438

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. Motion approved unanimously.

Fire Department - \$3,426,235

Moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bridle to accept the Fire Department total of \$3,426,235

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to recommend \$25,000 under callback, reducing \$27,394 from the line

Vote: 6 Yes, 5 No (Bean, Bridle, Blair, Lapham, LaBranche) 0 Abstention. Motion passed.

Mr. LaBranche left the meeting at 10:05.

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to remove \$4,800 from Replacement Equipment line

Vote: 2 Yes, 8 No (Plouffe, Latimer, Lapham, Jones, Nickerson, Blair, Bridle, Bean), 0 Abstention. Motion failed.

Moved by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Znoj to change Vehicle Maintenance to \$110,900

Vote: 2 Yes, 8 No (Plouffe, Latimer, Lapham, Jones, Nickerson, Blair, Bridle, Bean), 0 Abstention. Motion failed.

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to remove \$1,475 out of Pier Maintenance

Vote: 2 Yes, 8 No (Plouffe, Latimer, Lapham, Jones, Nickerson, Blair, Bridle, Bean), 0 Abstention. Motion failed.

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to accept the Fire Department total of \$3,398,841

Vote: 7 Yes, 2 No (Bridle, Blair) 1 Abstention (Bean). Motion passed.

6) Adjournment

Moved by Mr. Znoj, seconded by Mr. Pierce to Adjourn at 10:18PM

Vote: 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Eileen Latimer, Chair
T. Y., Secretary