

**TOWN OF CHESTERFIELD  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2015**

Present: Bayard Tracy, Chairman; Marty Mahoney, School Board Representative; Carol Wheeler, John Koopmann, Vice-Chair; Sue Newcomer, Dan Cotter, Rich Kalich, Charlie Perry, Steve Buckley, Spofford Fire Precinct Representative; Rick Cooper, Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct Representative; Jon McKeon, Selectboard Representative; and Judy Idelkope.

Absent: Steve Laskowski

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

1). Koopmann moved January 6<sup>th</sup> minutes for discussion. The motion was seconded by Newcomer. Newcomer moved January 6<sup>th</sup> as amended. The motion was seconded by Koopmann and passed unanimously.

2). The Tax Rate presented in October reflected the incorrect amount for Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct. The correct amount is \$.86/\$1,000.

3). Town – McKeon presented changes to the Town budget:

- Fuel is being reduced to \$3.00 per gallon
- Streetlight budget is being reduced to \$16,500 because the Smart Start Program is ending in February.
- The Library Parking Lot Project is set at \$51,000.
- Adding a Warrant Article for \$5,000 from the Town Hall Annex CRF for Town Hall Annex Architectural & Engineering Review.
- The Library is requesting to discontinue their Building Maintenance CRF and create and deposit \$5,000 Building Maintenance Expendable Trust

4). School – Mahoney presented the Financial Report. There is an available balance of \$242,791. The Other Local Revenue for \$28,506 is a staff repayment for sabbatical; \$6,862 from State Sources is additional revenue from Catastrophic Aid. The \$47,000 deficit in HS Tuitions is due to an extra student and increase in tuition. Health and Psychological are up due to hiring an employee. The estimated balance in the CRF is approximately \$34,970.

The 2015-2016 budget is \$8,165,535 down \$282,552 or 3.4%. There is a successor contract which has been approved after mediation. The final agreement is still being written.

5). Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Precinct – Cooper presented the budget. The budget is up 3.83%. Building Maintenance is up due to repairs being needed on the furnace. Insurance is up due to a mid-year renewal and adding full replacement cost to the rescue. Stipends are up because of more calls and hours. Training & Dues is remaining the same due to planning a Firefighter 1 Class in the Region this year. Chesterfield has 30 firefighters and 7 are rescue. Perry was concerned about the increase from actual to budget.

Chesterfield & Spofford reduced the Mutual Aid cost by about \$1,000 by combining. Chesterfield has applied for a Federal Grant including Westmoreland and Spofford to purchase

Communications equipment. Chesterfield has also applied for a Federal Grant for Turn-out Gear. 75% of Chesterfield's Gear is non-NFPA complaint.

Chesterfield received a grant from Timken to replace the body on the Rescue Grant for \$110,000. The Precinct also was awarded a grant to purchase 20 SCBA's. The final decision on the SCBA's should be completed soon. The Precinct is looking to combine 2 trucks for a Utility/Brush truck for \$110,000 this year. Tracy asked the Precinct to continue to look at ways to reduce costs.

6). Spofford Fire Precinct – Buckley presented the Spofford budget. The budget is up 2.6%. The budget was overspent last year due to catastrophic repairs to a pumper truck. There are pending increases from PSNH driving Electricity up in both departments. Payroll is up 1.8% COLA. Interest is decreasing on the Fire Station. Local Government Center provides Training at no cost to both departments. Spofford hires a contractor to provide monthly Training. Buckley reported that the Precinct is planning to make a \$5,000 repair to their Rescue for it to last another 5 years. Spofford has less equipment than Chesterfield. Tracy asked for an estimate of revenue received from taxes.

The next meeting will be next Tuesday regarding the School. Budget notebooks can be picked up Thursday and Friday at the School. Mahoney will have them at his house after that.

Cotter moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM. The motion was seconded by Newcomer and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy LaFontaine  
Secretary