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EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Holly Cheeseman, Marc Salerno, Rose Ann Hardy, Dan Cunningham.

Mr. Nickerson called the Special Meeting for the purpose of Budget Reviews to order at 5:31 p.m.

Police Department # 216:

Sgt. Mike Macek and Resident Trooper McDermott were present to review their budget. Sgt. Macek noted that the full time salary line 511 is up due to a contractual 2.5% raise. He added that soon we will be paying for 100% of the Resident Trooper's benefits plus overtime. He added that he had requested \$300,000 in line 514 Overtime, but that the First Selectman had reduced this request to \$280,000.

Mr. Nickerson noted that presently, we are paying \$170,000 without the overtime costs for the Resident Trooper and next year the amount will be about \$183,000.

Ms. Cheeseman confirmed that the Town pays for all of the fringe benefits along with his pension; therefore we pay the entire bill.

Sgt. Macek noted that originally line 515 overtime for boat duty was \$21,000, but the First Selectman had reduced it to \$18,000. He added that line 516 longevity had been reduced by \$1,000 making it \$9,000. The training line 517 was reduced to \$42,964 from \$47,000 by the First Selectman due to activity represented in this budget line. Sgt. Macek noted that the State used to pay for training of the officers and now it doesn't, yet certain levels of training are deemed mandatory. He stated that line 412 shows an increase since he was hoping to hire a part time secretary to work 3p.m. to 8:00 p.m., five days per week. He noted that line 213 (mobile radio service contract) has increased by 20% because the Ambulance Fund used to fund part of the cost, but no longer. He noted that the suggested lower cost for fuel for the boat was based on past usage.

Ms. Hardy noted that the boat patrols were popular with the public and inquired how many patrols would we lose with the reduction.

Sgt. Macek noted that he preferred to shorten a patrol rather than cut any.

Mr. Cunningham inquired if line 513 the foot patrol increase is projection enough with the new beach opened along with the Boardwalk. He added that adequate training impacts our liability coverage and this needs to be reviewed.

Ms. Cheeseman inquired if they use body cameras.

Sgt. Macek responded that they have in car cameras and they wear microphones for audio.

Ms. Hardy inquired if they were getting any grants.

Sgt. Macek responded that they will receive the DUI grant.

Mr. Nickerson noted that Sgt. Macek will be passing out a potential budget to reflect costs if the Police Department goes independent and added that the Board will review it at a later date. He added that with 24 officers on our roster, we have outgrown the Resident Trooper Program.

NIANTIC Fire Department #217

Chief McDonald was present and noted that his only increases were in the overtime line 614 which was up \$5000 and Vehicle Maintenance 220, which was up \$5000 to purchase tires.

Mr. Cunningham inquired if there was a potential for cost sharing.

Chief McDonald noted that the Ambulance Fund purchases all the diesel fuel (line 301).

FLANDERS FIRE DEPARTMENT #218

Chief Levandoski noted that if his budget were cut, he would be looking at cutting services. He noted line 222 Small Equipment has an increase of \$7100 was to replace one of the thermal imaging cameras. He added that this request was reduced by \$8000 due to relocating the thermal imaging camera to the capital budget.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT #224

Fire Marshal Dick Morris noted that he had originally requested a 5th dispatcher which the First Selectman had cut and instead offered him a ½ dispatcher making the staffing 4.5 dispatchers.

Ms. Hardy inquired if the part time dispatchers have the same training as the full timers and asked if the town pays for their training.

Mr. Morris responded yes to both questions.

PUBLIC WORKS #105

Director Joe Bragaw reviewed the IT budget #109 noting the only increase was in line 211 Personnel Services.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE #113

Director Bragaw noted that in line 105 he is beginning to charge the Water and Sewer Department 25% of the Administrative Assistant position of \$13,055. An additional amount is being paid to the Water and Sewer Commission to better reflect the cost of the fire hydrants. These actions make the increase a budget neutral action.

Director Bragaw passed out an executive summary of Expenditures and Revenues 15/16 and 16/17 (attached and identified as Attachment A).

Mr. Nickerson adjourned the February 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of budget reviews at 7:21 p.m.