

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2010
MINUTES

PRESENT: Paul Formica, Mark Nickerson, John Birmingham.

EXCUSED: John Hogan, Rose Ann Hardy.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Formica called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and led the Pledge. He said that since Mr. Wilson had not yet arrived, the Board would merely listen to the Director of Public Works present his budget and no votes would be taken. He added that Mr. Hogan and Ms. Hardy were both out of state but that Ms. Hardy had sent in an email noting she had reviewed the budgets and had no questions (identified as Attachment A).

PUBLIC WORKS:

Director Mike Giannattasio noted that the storm overtime line had increased slightly and there was a \$1000 increase in the traffic signals and street signs line. He added that the Tree Warden line showed a \$4000 increase and this was to take down trees in the town's right of ways that created safety hazards. He noted that he was requesting an increase in the vehicle maintenance line and a slight increase for supplies and miscellaneous.

Mr. Wilson arrived at 5: 22 p.m.

Mr. Giannattasio noted that \$107,000 had been spent already this year for storm materials and supplies. He said he would like to keep the streetlight budget flat although CL&P was talking of an increase. He added that we might need to revisit this line at a later date.

Mr. Formica commented that we could be through the budget process when we receive the LOCIP funding from the state and added it has not been bonded yet. He said we could experience trouble since the state's budget has a \$4 million dollar deficit for this year and a 5 million dollar deficit for next year. He proposed increasing line 315 Storm Overtime to \$46,400 and storm materials line (440) to \$100,000.

Mr. Nickerson inquired when the new vehicles would come in.

Mr. Giannattasio responded "very soon and some up until 6 months from now". He stressed that if everyone jumps on with single stream recycling, the town will realize even more savings.

TOWN ENGINEER:

Town Engineer Bill Scheer commented that his budget reflected no increases other than a COLA and longevity pay.

IT:

Bill Scheer said that line 215 maintenance of equipment has increased. He added that the telephone system in the Town Hall is approximately 15 years old and in order to keep it running, we need a central processor upgrade costing about \$5000. He also said that the Police Mobile Computer Support (\$4200) had been transferred to the Police budget to allow the officers the ability to track the funding.

Mr. Nickerson commented that when calling in to Town Hall, he gets a busy signal quite often.

Mr. Scheer noted that this upgrade would increase the amount of lines to the Town Hall.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

Mr. Formica congratulated Mr. Giannattasio on receiving his Building Operations Certification Level 2.

Mr. Birmingham inquired about the status of the Colton Road building?

Mr. Giannattasio said that the property had been closed and the single stream recycling containers would be stored and assembled there. He said they were in the process of deciding how to design the inside and he hoped to be in by January of next year.

Mr. Nickerson noted his main concern was the custodial line which showed an increase of \$27,000.

Mr. Giannattasio noted that a mistake had been made on last year's budget and a step and a 3.5% COLA had been omitted and this was now corrected. He added that no additional personnel had been added.

Mr. Formica commented that he was talking to a new electrical supplier who actually gives rebates.

MOTION (1)

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Nickerson. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary