

**TOWN OF CASTLETON
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2017
TOWN OFFICES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruno, R. Combs, J. Leamy, W. Potter

MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Spaulding

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Shea, Town Manager

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Bruno.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Leamy made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by W. Potter. All in favor. Motion Carried.

CONTINUED REVIEW OF FY 2017-2018 BUDGET

M. Shea stated that he was continuity with the expenses of the general budget.

J Bruno asked if the increase in insurance was from an increase in health insurance for employees.

M. Shea stated that it was an increase in the property-casualty insurance for the public offices.

J. Leamy asked about the 250% increase in printing. M. Shea replied that it was for the printing of the Town Report.

J. Leamy asked about the amount of pages in the Town Report this year. M. Shea stated that it was about 78 pages, which is about 20 pages less than last year.

M. Shea stated that he understood from asking citizens and they would like to have the detailed budget included in the town report.

J. Bruno stated that most people only look at the consolidated total budget page.

R. Combs suggested that only the consolidated total budget page be included in the Town Report with a note stating that the line item detailed budget would be available on the Town Website and/or it could be printed out at the town office.

J Bruno stated that this would shorten the Town Report by approximately 20 pages.

M. Shea addressed the Health & Wellness line item for \$6500.00. M Shea stated that 51% of the Highway and Police Dept. need to participate in order for the town to receive a 10% off Worker's Compensation Insurance costs.

J. Bruno asked what the program entailed.

M. Shea stated that the VLCT meets with the employees that participate and they have a questionnaire to complete, and they will need to participate in other healthy living programs. Each participating employee will receive \$100.00. If the employee has a health issue that needs to be addressed and they show improvement with this issue they will receive another \$100.00.

R. Combs asked what the total cost of the Worker's Compensation Insurance is.

M. Shea replied that he did not know off hand, but that it was upwards of \$100,000.00.

R. Combs stated that the \$6500.00 is far less than the savings the town will receive.

M. Shea explained to the Board that the increase in the Lister's Dept. was due to a pay increase and an increase in hours for both employees.

J. Bruno asked what was causing the need for the increase in hours.

M. Shea replied that there were many issues with the re-appraisal that just took place.

J. Bruno replied that the appraisal company should be responsible for the inconsistencies that our assessor is finding and instructed M. Shea to go after the appraisal company for these mistakes.

R. Combs asked M. Shea to bring the Board documentation showing the need for the increase in hours for the Lister's Dept.

M. Shea stated that he is looking for someone to run the concession stand at Crystal Beach for this coming summer.

J. Leamy informed the Board that the School Board has asked for some time at the Town informational meeting in March to present their budget and that the Moderator was in charge of the meeting and they would suggest maybe starting the meeting at 6:00pm instead of 7:00pm.

ADJOURN

MOTION: W. Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Leamy. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully,

V. Waldron

Date of Approval