

**Town of Lincoln**

**Budget Board Meeting**

**March 19, 2009**

**Present:**

**Ken Booth Carl Brunetti Cheryl Ethier Linda Noble Sheila Chisholm  
Roberta Gosselin Claudette Lussier Hagop Jawharjian Joe Renning**

**Absent:**

**Greg Leonard Bob Ericson**

**The meeting began at 7:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Chairman Ken Booth turned the meeting over to Town Administrator  
T. Joseph Almond.**

**The Town Administrator discussed anticipated revenues, including  
greyhound racing revenues, motor vehicle taxes and any delinquent  
taxes.**

**Also discussed were pension and health care costs.**

**Estimates for assessed values were distributed and discussed,  
including potential liability with Twin River.**

**Capital Improvement items were discussed, including items that may  
be funded by stimulus monies.**

**John Ward, Finance Director, discussed account receivables.**

**Program fees for Parks and Recreation were discussed.**

**School capital improvement requests were discussed as well as current and previous resolutions and the allocation of that money.**

**The Public Hearing, first public reading of the Town Administrator's proposed budget, will be on Tuesday, March 24th.**

**Discussion ensued regarding the Budget Board taking a public position as to whether or not the Town could handle a tax increase at all, or at what amount.**

**The Town switching to the State health insurance plan, and the fact that this seems a negative step, was discussed.**

**The Town Administrator and Finance Director will attempt to put the updated version of the recommended version online as soon as possible.**

**The meeting was opened to Public Comment and Questions.**

**Councilmen John Flynn and Jim Jahnz discussed possible liability with Twin River because of a suit they have filed.**

**Councilman Jim Jahnz discussed the Parks and Recreation programs**

**and possibility of fees affecting participation.**

**Town Council President Ron McKenna discussed a charter review/change that would go before the Ordinance Committee and could cost approximately \$10,000.**

**He also discussed being able to do something such as plaques to show appreciation for volunteers who sit on Boards when retire.**

**The Budget Board took a 5-minute recess and then reconvened.**

**The minutes of March 12th were distributed for review.**

**Linda Noble made a motion, seconded by Carl Brunetti, to accept the minutes.**

**The minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0 with Roberta Gosselin and Joe Renning abstaining because they were not present on March 12th.**

**The Town Administrator discussed local contributions and how low they can be in order to keep a maintenance of effort.**

**Carl Brunetti made a motion for discussion purposes, seconded by Linda Noble, to not increase the tax rate when considering what the final budget should be.**

**In vote, at this time, all were opposed to the motion.**

**Wage concessions were discussed, and whether or not the**

**recommended school budget should be decreased by the amount of salary increases.**

**The Budget Board discussed the Sewer Enterprise Fund.**

**Sheila Chisholm made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.**