

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

April 5, 2011

Present:

Linda Noble Claudette Lussier Carl Brunetti Mike Babbitt Domenic Ricci Bob Turner Hagop Jawharjian Paul DiDomenico

Absent:

Peter Fucci Joe Renning Greg Leonard

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, that Minutes and Correspondence be postponed until after discussion with the Town Administrator and Finance Director.

The Town Administrator T. Joseph Almond and Finance Director John Ward were present to discuss the budget.

The first thing discussed was the Trust they would like to set up for post-retirement benefits, which would fund approximately 75% of what the actuarial reports recommend in the beginning.

Also discussed were the two resolutions the Town Administrator will be submitting for consideration at the Financial Town Meeting; one for \$400,000 for the expansion of the library, and \$25,000 for repair of the roof at the Hearthside.

There were some adjustments made to the Town Administrator's recommendations due to further information received and also information from the State's budget.

There was \$35,000 in adjustments due to salary errors according to the audit.

Post Retirement Benefits were put on a separate line under Fixed Charges, and it was noted that the Towns' share of funding that line would be approximately \$1.4 million.

Also discussed was the setup of the trust fund for post retirement, and it was noted that it would be one trust that would receive funds from different accounts and areas.

The Budget Board will discuss the funding of the trust with the schools, whose share of funding for the account would be approximately \$500,000.

MAST would be funded at \$285,094.

Minutes

The minutes of April 4th were distributed for review.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, to approve the minutes.

The minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for distribution at the time.

Public Comment

There was no public comment or questions at the time.

Old Business

Resolutions:

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to approve for review at Financial Town Meeting the resolution set forth by the Town Administrator to allocate \$400,000 for the expansion of the library.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, to approve for review at Financial Town Meeting the resolution set forth by the Town Administrator to allocate \$25,000 for the repair of the roof at the Hearthside.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to approve for review at Financial Town Meeting the resolution set forth by the Budget Board to allocate \$218,981 from surplus to the schools.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Revenues:

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that State Revenue Sharing MAST Fund be recommended at \$285,094.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Public Service Corporation, Meal and Hotel Tax be recommended at \$847,134.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, that Open Space Restricted Surplus be recommended at \$225,000 for an increase of \$25,000.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawarjian made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Total Municipal Revenues be recommended at \$70,429,107.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Rescue:

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, that Rescue Salaries be recommended at \$1,110,604.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that

Pensions be recommended at \$166,988.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, that the Total Rescue department budget be recommended at \$1,416,762.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Engineering:

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci that Total Salaries be recommended at \$78,893,

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that Total the Total Engineering department budget be recommended at \$84,893.

In Public Buildings:

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that Total Salaries be \$136,207.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that the Total Public Buildings department budget be recommended at \$343,207.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Public Works Central Services:

The Mechanic Pay should be \$84,561, and Salary Subtotal \$1,237,569.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that

Total Public Works Central Services Salaries should be \$1,368,784.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, that the Total Public Works Central Services Department budget be recommended at \$2,868,181.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Finance:

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that Total Salaries be recommended at \$382,806.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that the Total Finance Department budget be recommended at \$449,156.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

In Fixed Charges:

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci that Social Security be recommended at \$584,925.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, to add a line named OPED Fund Transfer.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Paul DiDomenico, to recommend funding OPED Fund Transfer at \$1,001,094.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that Total Fixed Charges now be recommended at \$4,347,051.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Municipal Resolutions be changed from \$600,000 to \$625,000 to include \$25,000 for the repair of the Hearthside Roof.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Domenic Ricci, that the Total Municipal Operating Budget be recommended at \$18,091,322.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Education Operating Budget of \$47,815,049 had already been voted upon at a previous meeting.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that the Total Combined Budget be recommended at \$71,183,230.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Carl Brunetti made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that the Tax Levy be recommended at \$52,357,186.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, that

Uncollectible Taxes be recommended at \$1,439,823.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Hagop Jawharjian made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Total Tax Collections be recommended at \$51,717,363.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that Total Revenues recommended be \$71,183,230.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was noted that there will be virtually no tax increase with the Budget Board's recommended budget because it only represents an increase of \$300,000.

Resolution IV was discussed.

The range for taxation was changed to become \$49,000,000 - \$54,584,407.

Domenic Ricci made a motion, seconded by Claudette Lussier, to approve the resolution for recommendation as amended.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next meeting of the Budget Board will be tomorrow, Wednesday, April 6th, when they will discuss the annual budget message.

Adjourn

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Hagop Jawharjian, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.