

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting April 6, 2015

Present:

Carl Brunetti

Rhonda

Felix Fernndes

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Mike Babbitt

Bill McManus

There were no members absent.

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:33 pm with the Pledge of A llegiance.

A pproval of Minutes

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded Richard Foster, to table the review of the minutes of April 2nd.

Correspondence

The Budget Board received an email from the Town Administrator regarding his previous correspondence regarding the purchase of the Jergensen Property.

The Budget Board received information about the Professional Education Holding Account.

There has been a Special Town Council Meeting regarding the purchase of the Jergensen Property so that they can put a resolution in as they believe the voters of the Financial Town Meeting should have a say in the decision.

The Budget Board discussed how the purchase of the property would affect the Town's finances, and that they can discuss their reasons for not recommending the purchase at the Financial Town Meeting.

Publ ic Comment

There were no public comments or questions at the time.

Business

M unicipal Budget

There was no new information regarding the Municipal Budget.

Education Budget

Health Care Premiums are \$21,600 for a Family Plan, or \$8,574 for an individual plan. The Total Cost (Claims plus Administration Fees) is \$6,725,283

Certified Staff pay 16% of the premium, and Support Staff pay 15%.

The Town exposure is \$5,709,455, which is included as a component in figuring out State Aid.

The total cost of Dental is \$366, 144 which is co-shared at the same rates. The Town exposure for Dental is \$310,790.

The Budget Board discussed the impact of adjusting those rates to 20% as it was noted that they are currently in negotiations.

- Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Felix Fernandes, to reduce the Health Care line by \$262,868.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Connell , to decrease Dental Insurance by \$14,815. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The FTE information provided by the School Department differs than the actual number and may be because of grant positions and programs that are not in the budget.

The Budget Board distributed and discussed enrollment information and the trend that enrollment is going down as staff cost per student are increasing.

The Budget Board discussed that most new hires take the option out of health care instead of signing up for the plan.

Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Connell, to adjust the salary line by \$272,575 in order to recommend that 5 fewer new FTEs be hired next year.

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to amend the amount of the motion to be an adjustment of 4 FTEs for \$218,060.

The motion passed to amend the motion by unanimous vote. The amended motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bill McManus made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to remove the previous adjustment of \$36,000 in Personnel. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1 with Richard Foster opposed.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, that the recommendation for the Total Education Budget be \$51,829,800 for an increase of \$719,285 or 1.41% over the current year.

This would include a Municipal Contribution of \$40,443,084 (an increase of \$200,659 or .5%), a 10% reduction in Medicaid and an increase in State Aid to Education of \$618,626.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-1 with Richard Foster opposed.

The recommended Education Resolutions are a total of \$958,543. The recommended Municipal Resolutions are a total of \$1,110,456.

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that the Total Combined Municipal and Education Budgets be recommended at \$77,276,483.

The motion passed by a vote of 9-1 with Richard Foster opposed.

The Budget Board has not yet received the worksheet from the Finance Director regarding the Tax Levy, and they are required to provide an estimate of the tax impact of their recommended budget.

Based on the Budget Board's approved recommended Combined Budget: Tax Levy \$53,359,730

Uncollectable Taxes -\$1,333,993

Current Year Tax Collections \$52,025,737 Total Tax Collections \$53,025,727

Total Revenues \$77,276,483.

Resolutions Resolution I

The resolution has already been approved for recommendation.

Resolution II .

The resolution has already been approved for recommendation.

Resolution III

Have already approved I, II, III

Resolution IV

Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented. The Budget Board discussed the tax levy range within the resolution.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution V

resolution has already been approved for recommendation.

Resolution VI - Senior Center Parking Lot - \$175,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Felix Fernandes, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution VII - Library Parking Lot - \$115,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented. The motion passed

by unanimous vote.

Resolution VIII - Library Roof - \$139,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Connell, to approve

the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution IX - Butterfly Dam Repairs- \$239,000

Mike Babbitt made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution X - Butterfly Dam Bridge - \$201,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XI - Street Sweeper - \$232,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Chris Wegge land, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XII - Town Hall LED Lighting - \$62,740

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XIII - Mobile Data Terminals, Police Vehicles - \$66,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XIV - Workshop at Thibaudeau Barn - \$50,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XV - Renovate Finance/Information Technologies - \$30,871

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XVI - Saylesville Dugout - \$25,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented,

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XV

This resolution has already been approved for recommendation.

Resolution XVII/ - Ferguson Field Bleachers and Press Box - \$300,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Chris Weggeland, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution XIX

The resolution has already been approved for recommendation.

Resolution XX - School Security Study - \$30,000

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to approve the recommendation of the resolution as presented.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Resolution VI

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster to amend the wording that the project shall include "approximately" 49 parking spaces.

Public Comment

There were no public comments or questions at the time.

Adjourn

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.