

**Town of Lincoln**

**Budget Board Meeting**

**October 12, 2017**

**Present:**

**Carl Brunetti Bob Turner Dave Hartley Paul Deutsch**

**Bill DiBiasio Maria Marcello**

**Absent:**

**Mike Babbitt Felix Fernandes Mike O'Connell Bill McManus**

**Rhonda Lacombe**

**Call to Order**

**The meeting began at 7:07 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**The minutes of May 9, 2017 were distributed for review.**

**Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Bill DiBiasio, to accept the minutes.**

**The motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Correspondence**

**There was no new correspondence to discuss.**

**Public Comment**

**There were no public comments or questions at the time.**

## **Business**

**The Budget Board discussed the opening for the position of Recording Secretary.**

## **FY2017 Municipal Budget**

**The tax collection rate as of the end of the previous year was 98.5%.**

**Information regarding other revenues was distributed.**

**VLT Revenues increased by \$85,000 in 2017, but Table Game Revenues increased by \$111,000.**

**Expense details were also distributed, which seemed to be in line with the amended approved amounts.**

**Financial information presented at the September Town Council Meeting showed a 30.7% collections rate as of September, noting that motor vehicle excise tax bills were sent out only at the beginning of August.**

**The auditors have begun their annual process for the 2017 Fiscal Year.**

## **Education Budget**

**There was no new information regarding the education budget.**

**There are additional public informational meetings regarding the High School campus project dates to be determined.**

## **Municipal Capital Projects**

**The Chase Farm Visitor's Center project and Hot Potato Schoolhouse outhouse project are both in progress.**

**Hot Potato Schoolhouse (they are going to add an outhouse for appeal)**

**The Roof at the Blacksmith Shop has been removed and the building is covered temporarily while they wait for the new shingles to arrive.**

**The Town of Cumberland is interested in merging Animal Shelters with the newly renovated Lincoln shelter.**

## **School Capital**

**The Concession Stand project is on hold until the High School campus project is complete.**

**The Budget Board will ask the Town Administrator whether he intends to present a resolution regarding the reimbursement for Chet Nichols Field, at the Financial Town Meeting for supplemental expenditures for the project.**

**The Saylesville roof was completed.**

**The Budget Board will ask the status of all other capital projects from the School Department.**

## **HS Renovation Project**

**There are meetings scheduled to explain how the project will be**

**financed, and a Special Election will be held in November.**

**It was noted that the Education Budget has received the last of increases to state aid to education as they have been phased out as part of a change in the aid formula.**

### **Nomination/Election of Officers**

**Bob Turner made a motion, seconded by Dave Hartley, to defer nomination and election of Officers of the Budget Board until the full board can be present.**

### **Draft of schedule**

**A list of meeting dates, verified with the Town Clerk for availability, was distributed.**

**Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Bob Turner, to accept the meeting schedule draft.**

**The next meeting of the Budget Board is scheduled for November 9th.**

### **Public Comment**

**There were no public comments or questions at the time.**

### **Adjourn**

**Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Dave Hartley, to adjourn the meeting.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.**