

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
COUNTY OF NEWPORT**

The Town Council of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Special Council Meeting on Saturday, the 5th day of March 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Ave.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilor President deMedeiros, Vice-President Chabot, Councilor Lambert, Councilor Mello, Councilor Pelletier, Councilor Perry, and Councilor Sousa.

Town Administrator Matthew Wojcik was also present. Town Clerk Nancy Mello was absent, minutes compiled by Clerk Leona Cook.

**1. Call To Order**

Council President deMedeiros called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President deMedeiros explained the Budget has to be submitted by Monday. After discussing with T/A Wojcik believe what follows is what is left to be voted on. Administrator Wojcik had distributed an updated copy of the entire Budget; the items in bold or green indicate items where there is no indication of a vote in the minutes. The Insurance broker will be here at 10am to discuss changes to the life insurance line. Councilor Perry noted a lot of votes were preliminary; President deMedeiros explained the Council would be voting on the bottom line.

**a.Parks and Recreation**

Administrator Wojcik explained the Recreation Commission does not have a quorum yet. Revenues and expenses; fees increased, reduced Preventive Maintenance for the fields. Kept the budget the same as last year, for the summer camp and full day camp, same fee structure as last year. Beach fees will stay the same; Council will be seeing something in the future from the Grinnell's Beach committee. Fogland will continue with the same program from last year; had some complaints about the generator from the food truck. Looking at having electricity service for that area; otherwise no major changes. Councilor Lambert suggested if the casino vote goes through, that this would be good for one of the piggybank accounts. T/A Wojcik did not want to assume anything. Councilor Sousa suggested putting this in a capital account.

Councilor Perry motioned to approve the bottom line total for Parks and Recreation for \$103,100. The motion was seconded by Councilor P. Mello, discussion followed. Councilor Chabot noted the T/A, said he kept the budget the same as last year but the 2015/16 Financial Town Referendum (FTR) budget was different than what is being proposed. The proposed Recreation budget is \$2,000 less than the FTR approved budget. Councilor Pelletier was concerned with the septic system at Grinnell's. T/A Wojcik's first priority is dealing with Wastewater management issues in all coastal zones. There is an ongoing issue at Town Farm, last year had to close the bathrooms and get portable toilets. Councilor Sousa suggested putting \$2k towards a septic design; the gas station at Grinnell's also has a septic system. T/A Wojcik suggested continuing that discussion for another meeting. Some of the expenses from last year like stripping the fields and fixing the electricity were only for that year. The motion passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors Chabot and Pelletier opposed.

**b.DPW/Landfill**

DPW Director Steve Berlucchi just received the 2015 annual report from PARE engineering, findings included anticipated levels of tolerance for chemicals. The report did not raise any alarms; test 13 wells four times per year. Dick Hart was concerned there was a problem, requested some additional testing. Performed 3 extra tests at his request, the swale on 2 separate times were clean. Did find an excess of iron which can be seen in the orange color, nothing toxic was found. The wool pile did not have lead waste and the landfill cover tested fine. All the tests were within the parameters of DEM requirements and the license. Talked to Trish Hilton, Conservation Commission about relocating the recycling center at the landfill temporarily. The plan is to put it down after the gate to the right hand side. Still need an aerial survey of the Landfill to get the contours of the entire 33 acres; have a proposal from PARE to establish the finish grade slope and contours based on the original drawing. Will

be requesting \$24k, needed as part of the submission to DEM for the final closure; hoping to take out of the reserve account as it is being used for the closure. Councilor Sousa was strongly in favor of an extension; need to find out what we will be able to do. Everything outside of the PARE contract costs money. Councilor Lambert wanted to be clear; right now have an extension of 3 years, talking about a legislative extension for possibly another 3 years. The extension would be over and above the 3.5 feet. Director Berlucchi has spent all the money in landfill cover, will need to transfer funds. Last budget asked for \$70k, received \$40k from the FTR budget. Had to use \$10k from that for the grinder. Councilor Lambert noted if the Town is granted the legislative extension then there should be enough money to cover the Landfill closure. Without that extension expect that account to fall short by a half million dollars. Not requesting anything in this budget. T/A Wojcik was working on a refined closure plan. Asked PARE to price out, very important to know if it includes FOB price as some prices quoted were for materials and haulage. Councilor Lambert added some other items needed for closure were not included. T/A Wojcik explained this is a complicated project, will need a Clerk of the Works and fencing. Hauling 18 wheelers full of material down Main Road will be very disruptive. Need a plan and may need Stormwater management. Councilor Sousa suggested getting materials from local contractors who will be excavating this spring; can stockpile at the Landfill. T/ A Wojcik, for the record, explained that some common borrow will be needed; most materials have to meet certain specifications, like the filter sand or clay. Only the top soil or sub-soil will be useable. Director Berlucchi explained have to test every load at the source; materials used pretty defined other than the common borrow. T/A Wojcik added the availability of the materials will drive the cost, necessary part of complete bidding; should advertise 1 year in advance of the closing and make a condition to stockpile that in their yard. Top soil was quoted at \$18.80 per cubic yard, more than 2 times the cost of fillable sub-soil.

Administrator Wojcik discussed On-Site Stormwater Management (SW); requested an increase of \$18,588; have a contractual relationship with Tiverton Wastewater District (TWWD) to provide this service; comes from the memorandum of understanding. The TWWD conducts activities and tell the Town what needs to be worked into the SW report. They provide assistance for people with questions about the cesspool act, regulations and the low cost loan program. Councilor P. Mello agreed was very important, wanted to make sure about compliance for new systems as DEM gives a letter to the consumer. T/A Wojcik can go to TWWD to request a report for the Council based on new systems, provided this passes through the budget cycle. As far as the DPW budget, T/A Wojcik did not agree with the request for 2 additional full time equivalents (FTE). Director Berlucchi explained the department has 10 guys, a Foreman, Mechanic, 2 at the Dump and loses 1 person per week to cover vacations. That leaves 5 Truck Driver Laborers, 1 cuts and mows and 1 cleans catch basins and sweeps. That leaves 3 men to cover 90 miles of roads, opined the department was understaffed. It would cost much more to privatize. Visited nearby towns, found they have 2 times the man power for the same amount of roads. In the last 8 years the DPW has taken care of an additional 10 miles of roads through subdivisions. Councilor Lambert will reluctantly support this budget. T/A Wojcik noted last year the Council voted to put any additional money back to the paving account; put together a budget that could be supported. Did not think the Council would go for the 2 FTE's and the budget loading that goes with new employees. That is found in the detailed backup, comes to \$17k per month per person. The increases in the DPW budget come from wastewater, the 3% rubbish collection increase and the landfill cover. Councilor Sousa suggested hiring part time seasonal workers for the summer as an option. Director Berlucchi explained the Town is now responsible for taking care of all the sidewalks; the State does not do anything. Hired one person to take care of the sidewalks last summer for two weeks, did not realize at the time that had to go through the Personnel Board. Councilor Sousa motioned to authorize the T/A to come up with a number to put in the budget. There was no second to this motion, but T/A Wojcik suggested \$5k for a part time seasonal worker would be a number.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the Grand Total of \$2,308,409 for the Public Works budget. The motion seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed unanimously.

### **c. Insurance**

Councilor Pelletier recused as some portion of Insurance may include Police Department retirees. T/A Wojcik invited Karen Mizer Haney and Christine Rodrigues to discuss Insurance. T/A Wojcik explained since last year's budget have gotten a rate increase; two people passed away, claims against the pool increased the rate. The Town is an outlier for \$50k through the eventual demise, now have no choice. AIG will stop writing because the Town

is so small; will be effective 3/31. Had two different brokerages investigate the market; better than a competitive bidding process, it was found the Town can save \$25k. Discovered the Town has been double covering the Teamsters who are covered by their contract for health, dental and additional life insurance. Ms. Haney explained the company that came to them was at the same contract standard, then tried to separate the retirees not to drive up the rate with the standard and offer them \$25k or \$50k. Would be no decrease in percentage regardless of age. Covering all contracts with Plan 1 for life and additional death would be for supervisors, Police Chief, Officers and all others the revised number is \$1,693.60. Initially it was \$1,800 but the DPW was removed. Plan 2 would be for the retirees keeping a flat \$50k, it is self-pay. They could also opt for the flat \$25k. If all retirees choose the \$50k death benefit then it would be \$2,812 per year self-pay or \$1,406 for those who choose \$25k; is guaranteed and will not be asking for a medical exam. This coverage is portable, can be reduced to the \$25k at any time. T/A Wojcik rounded up the numbers requested changing account #2190-5272, Group Insurance – Life to \$28,100 from the \$30,240 initially requested. This includes accidental death. Councilor Perry verified the line total, T/A Wojcik suggested waiting as there were still be some changes in this section. President deMedeiros thanked both for coming.

Councilor Pelletier returned to the Council table; T/A Wojcik explained the figure of \$374,850 for Liability/Property/Workers Compensation comes from a quote from the Trust. The asset list is updated annually; some properties have been removed therefore reducing cost to the Town. Some of the assets have also depreciated. Administrator Wojcik produced a report for Group Health Insurance with columns for active and retirees. Column 3 shows every single policy in effect right now. For those who opt out of the Police insurance it has a split effect, the officer is reimbursed for half but the Town does not cover them. Marked this category against potential risk; this will run rich as not everyone will opt for the family plan. There are 29 Fire, 29 Police, 36 Municipal and 10 Teamsters in the Health Insurance Group. The Teamsters are a little bit complicated; they have a co-share and an annual 4% increase. The Town as a whole is looking at a 6.73% rate increase for next year. T/A Wojcik plugged in an 8% increase for health insurance, reflects market trend. The \$2.3 million in the budget reflects using the equity distribution from the Trust to offset the increase. T/A Wojcik explained three options; asked for a respected broker to get a quote from Blue Cross for a fully insured program that will probably be an HRA or FSA , the Town could be self-insured or could continue with the Trust. In the Trust premium stabilization account there is \$136k; expect to get \$27k for an equity distribution. Had some resignations from DPW and Planning and also have several vacancies, saving \$100k, expect to be in a good position for the rest of this year. Budgeted \$2,393,897 for health insurance, recommend \$2,293,897 as the final budgeted amount.

Dental insurance is straightforward, covers Department Heads, AFSCME, Police and Fire, last year it went up 9.8%, budgeted for 8% increase this year. Retirees are covered, some elect not to keep it. In the future retirees will have to go on Medicare. Costs the Town \$800k for retiree Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). Unanticipated revenue should go into an OPEB account to reduce this amount. The Trust has created OPEB accounts for members to help with this problem. Until about 3 years ago all retirees and their families were entitled to health and dental insurance.

Councilor Perry motioned to Approve the bottom line total of \$2,813,487. The motion, seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed on a vote of 6-0-1, Councilor Pelletier abstained, recused from voting.

#### **d.EDC**

Administrator Wojcik cut most of this budget; kept \$3k for special projects, look at this department as engaging the local business community. The EDC has a website, recommend keeping \$200 for that. Put in the \$3k, will be used for the Town's participation in the Newport County Chamber of Commerce to pay for a consultant, reluctant to recommend. The City of Newport provides the majority of funding for the Chamber of Commerce. President deMedeiros opined the Town needs it more. Councilor Perry noted the petitioner's budget from last year cut the entire \$7k requested. T/A Wojcik suggested putting \$300 in the supplies account.

Councilor Perry motioned to put \$300 into the EDC supplies account, keep the \$200 for website maintenance and remove the \$3k from special projects for a bottom line of \$500. The motion, seconded by Councilor Sousa passed on a vote of 6-1, Councilor Pelletier opposed.

### **e. Police Pensions**

Councilor Pelletier recused left the Council table, related to a retired Police Officer.

The required contribution is \$508k, 67.3% funded. Fully funded would be 80%, critical is 60%. Councilor Perry noted the goal was to fund at least what was being paid out; the interest and the contributions from this account also help the Town. T/A Wojcik noted the Town is making progress on paying this down, recommended keeping at \$700k.

Councilor Perry motioned to fund Police Pensions for \$700,000. The motion, seconded by Councilor Sousa passed on a vote of 6-0-1, Councilor Pelletier abstained, recused.

Councilor Pelletier returned to the Council table.

### **f. Human Services**

Administrator Wojcik did not make any changes from last year's budget for these items.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the bottom line of \$15,000 for the Health & Human Service Organizations listed. The motion, seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed unanimously.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$200 for Wildlife Rehabilitators of RI. The motion, seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors Sousa and Chabot opposed.

T/A Wojcik did not put any funds in for Eastern RI Cooperative Extension Assoc., did not receive any requests.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$500 for the Eastern RI Conservation District. The motion, seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors Sousa and Chabot opposed.

### **g. Courts-Municipal/Probate**

T/A Wojcik put the Town Clerk's budget numbers in italics. It was noted \$3k was cut from the petitioner's budget last year for Probate Court recording expenses. Councilor Chabot questioned the Municipal Court Clerical assistant. There is a Capital request for \$15k for a new computer system. T/A Wojcik explained that clerk will be retiring and those duties will fall to the Town Clerk's office. Councilor Perry suggested removing the \$10,258 for the Clerical Assistant.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$21, 850 for Municipal Court. The motion seconded by Councilor Sousa passed unanimously.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$12, 800 for Probate Court. The motion seconded by Councilor Sousa passed unanimously.

President deMedeiros moved up Planning and Code Enforcement since both Department Heads were there.

## **3. Unfinished Business**

### **c. Planning Department**

T/A Wojcik explained the intent was to fill the PB clerk vacant position and be in compliance with the AFSCME contract. This position exists and is funded; the T/A was trying to support Zoning as well with this clerk. At the Special Council meeting on Monday the Council did not vote to support a Land Use Clerk. President deMedeiros suggested the PB clerk position needs to be put back into this budget and moved back from the zoning budget. Councilor Sousa did not want to vote for any new hiring or even to fill this position. Councilor P. Mello's issue was with the Land Use Clerk job description and paying overtime for attending PB meetings at night. The Administrative Officer and Department head could take minutes. T/A Wojcik explained the former PB clerk was

compensated for time; that clerk chose comp time which did not affect the bottom line. President deMedeiros added as it stands now the PB Clerk position still exists per AFSCME contract and needs to be put back in the budget. The Code Enforcement budget which had the LUC is also affected. President deMedeiros opined the PB clerk position needs to stay in and be added back to the Planning Department budget. Councilor Pelletier who was unable to attend last Monday's February 29th meeting, clarified the result of that meeting was to remove the LUC from the Zoning budget and bring it back in to Planning. President deMedeiros confirmed the Council vote at that meeting was not to combine that position. Mr. Rousseau explained the Department Head request total of \$103,333 would change to \$101, 485. That figure comes from subtracting \$1, 848, Longevity, from \$103,333. It also leaves the Supplies & Mics at \$1,250.

Councilor Perry motioned to Approve the Planning Department budget for a total of \$101, 485. The motion seconded by Councilor Pelletier passed on a vote of 4-3, Councilors Sousa, P. Mello and Chabot opposed.

A short ten minute break was taken at 11:20 am, Council returned from break at 11:30 a.m.

#### **d.Planning Board**

Administrator Wojcik wanted to make clear the Chair of the PB instructed Mr. Rousseau to do the budget. Mr. Rousseau explained it was at the end of the agenda for the PB meeting, was not addressed. There was no consensus from the PB regarding this budget. Mr. Hardy spoke at last Saturday's Council budget meeting, did not agree with eliminating the \$8k for the Administrative Officer. Mr. Rousseau noted the request should be as follows: Supplies-\$1k, Professional /Tech Services-\$4k, Education/Seminars - \$1, Computer Upgrades-\$1, 5, Comp Plan Advertising - \$4k and Subdivision Regulations - \$1k. Supplies are used mostly for toner for the printer. Councilor Perry would like to see those meetings televised, President deMedeiros agreed, both Planning and Zoning meetings should be televised. Councilor Sousa suggested putting in a webcam and do it for free. Councilor P. Mello suggested eliminating the \$1k for Education and have the Solicitor do seminars; Grow Smart does them for free. Councilor Pelletier did not disagree about education, opined \$1k was reasonable. The webcam idea was good but has a lot more to it, needs to be explored.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to approve the bottom line of \$12,500 for the Planning Board budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lambert, discussion followed. Mr. Rousseau noted this included adding in \$1k for Supplies and \$1k for Education. Councilor Chabot disagreed, the handout supplied by Mr. Rousseau had a bottom line total of \$14,500, should not be giving figures off the cuff. T/A Wojcik explained the Professional services budget was for anything the Town might ask for that is above and beyond what is asked of the developer to provide. Rosemary Eva, PB member explained this was for old subdivisions that need more research. The Town engineer is paid out of the developer's escrow account, the Town is reimbursed out of that account as explained by the T/A. Councilor Perry suggested if the work needs to be done, it should get spent. T/A Wojcik noted the Council is the policy making body of the Town, should pressure to codify zoning and get the Comp Plan done. The motion passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors P. Mello and Chabot opposed.

It was clarified that the telephone budget for \$900 was included with supplies for the bottom line total of \$101,485 for the Planning Department budget.

#### **e.Code Enforcement**

Building Official Neil Hall explained his budget request included a part time building inspector, asking \$18,720 for that position. Mr. Hall was also requesting a new full time clerk for \$36,465 and \$300 for Constable services. T/A Wojcik disagreed with the Constable services request as that could be done by the Police Department. Mr. Hall calculated the part time building official at \$12 per hours for 12 hours per week. Mr. Hall heard the discussion from the last meeting about having part time employees, did not believe that would be as efficient as a full time person. Perry agreed, the Zoning office does need help. Councilor P. Mello supported another full time building inspector and a part time clerk like a receptionist. Mr. Hall had two issues with that, will be difficult to find a building inspector that can meet the qualifications. T/A Wojcik explained the position would be more of an on demand building inspector to assist Mr. Hall. Councilor Sousa opined there was a downturn in new building in this area, cannot support the call for more help. Will not vote for anything that is more than last year's budget. Mr.

Hall explained right now there are 25 new homes in various stages of being built. President deMedeiros opined that office has not been staffed adequately. Councilor Sousa suggested hiring one clerk and splitting them between the two offices. T/A Wojcik noted the taxpayers deserve some type of customer service. Councilor Sousa has had it with hiring more people, should put some type of computer service, and modernize the system. Mr. Hall estimated the cost of that system between \$30-40k. Councilor Chabot believed the Zoning office needed another clerk, cited the triangular structure of zoning, building and planning. Splitting duties does not serve anybody. Supported a part time building inspector and a full time zoning clerk. Councilor P. Mello, after hearing Mr. Hall's explanation supported his request for a full time clerk and part time building official.

Councilor Chabot motioned to approve \$176,949 for the total for Code Enforcement. Some discussion followed about the numbers in the budget. Mr. Hall noted that \$60 should be added to that figure. T/A Wojcik noted the PT building inspector salary increased to \$18,720, Telephone was reduced to \$1,200, Supplies were reduced to \$3,600, Copy Services added in for \$672. The Clerk confirmed the Education line was for \$1,060.

Councilor Chabot motioned the bottom line total for Code Enforcement budget was \$177,009. The motion was seconded by Councilor Perry, passed on a vote of 6-1, Councilor Sousa opposed.

### **f. Harbor Commission**

Administrator Wojcik recalled Chairman Cox had explained the need for a mooring survey plan; should impact revenue in the future, supported the request for \$5k.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the Harbor Commission budget bottom line total for \$7,700. The motion seconded by Councilor Chabot passed on a vote of 6-1, Councilor Sousa opposed.

T/ A Wojcik reviewed the minutes, could not find where the Harbor Master's budget was approved.

Councilor Perry motioned, seconded by Councilor P. Mello to Approve the Harbor Master budget for \$25,110. The motion passed on a vote of 6-1, Councilor Sousa opposed.

### **b. Legal**

Administrator Wojcik did not receive any documentation to support the Legal Services budget. Councilor Sousa opined this budget would not be cut by the petitioner's like last year's budget. Councilor Lambert noted the \$50k from last year's budget had all been spent; this budget was unrealistic given the litigation coming down the pike. Councilor Perry disagreed, Litigation still had some left, Labor was overspent. T/A Wojcik suggested increasing to \$100-120 for discussion.

Councilor Lambert motioned to increase the Litigation budget to \$100,000 from \$70,000. Councilor Perry seconded the motion for discussion. Councilor Pelletier cautioned about what the Council did not see coming. T/A Wojcik figured this would be 150 additional hours at \$200/hour. Councilor P. Mello said the Solicitor was comfortable with this figure, supported this budget. The motion failed on a vote of 1-6, Councilor Lambert in favor, all other Councilors opposed.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the Legal Services budget for \$223,000. The motion, seconded by Councilor Sousa passed unanimously.

## **3. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Capital Non-Recurring**

Administrator Wojcik distributed an updated handout with one time Capital purchases and Non-recurring Capital expenses, read the amount of each item. A vote was taken for the total of \$348K for non-recurring expenses as shown in the FY2017 column. The spreadsheet included several years of projections for these expenses. Councilor Perry recalled \$2,500 was included for repair of the mechanic's office and \$5k for Grinnell's Beach cesspool closure. T/A Wojcik was not inclined to fix the mechanics' roof out of capital and will be applying for a

grant for Grinnell's. That will be coming to the Council soon, the grant will have in kind match if it's successful. Councilor Pelletier, a member of the Grinnell's Beach Improvement Committee explained the various options that will be presented to the Council on March 14. President deMedeiros noted if the Council voted then it would be adding \$7,500 to the bottom line first page total, \$348,831. Councilor Chabot recalled the Municipal Court eticket amount for \$15k was going to be taken care of this year between Chief Blakey and the Town Clerk. T/A Wojcik agreed that discussion occurred at another meeting. Chief Blakey is also going to stretch out over a number of years the \$50k for recording security, reduced that amount to \$20k. Councilor Sousa opined the Town Hall roof should not cost \$80, preferred to use some of that money to replace the Senior Center siding.

Councilor Sousa motioned to move \$15k from the Town Hall roof repair to Senior Center siding. Disagreed with stripping off the old roof, should only do the worst section which is the rear of the building. Councilor Chabot seconded the motion for further discussion. Councilor Perry noted the original amount for the Senior Center siding was \$13k, if the Town Hall roof is changed to \$67K then that would equal the \$80k.

Councilor Sousa amended the motion to move the Town Hall roof repair to \$67,000 and Senior Center siding maintenance to \$13,000. The amended motion was seconded by Councilor Chabot, more discussion followed about the roof. Councilor Sousa opined the roof did not need to be stripped could have the shingled portion done as an overlay, can do it for under \$80k. The motion passed unanimously.

T/A Wojcik noted by adding in the \$7,500 (\$5k for Grinnell's cesspool closure and \$2,500 for mechanic's roof repair) and by taking out the \$15k for eticketing the bottom line total would be \$340,500.

Councilor Perry motioned to Approve \$340,500 the bottom line total for Non-recurring Capital expenses. The motion seconded by Councilor Chabot passed unanimously.

T/A Wojcik explained the total of capital (already voted on for \$348,831) and non – recurring capital would be \$689,331. The Board of Canvassers budget was submitted by the Town Clerk had not been voted on.

The Council discussed and voted on those items not previously voted on.

Councilor Perry motioned to Approve \$38,100 bottom line total for the Board of Canvassers budget. The motion seconded by Councilor Pelletier passed unanimously.

Councilor Perry motioned to Approve \$4,800 for Zoning Board of Review Public Stenographer. The motion seconded by Councilor Pelletier passed unanimously.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$1,500 for Town Sergeant. The motion seconded by Councilor Sousa passed unanimously.

Councilor Sousa motioned to Approve \$12,000 for Financial Town Referendum. The motion seconded by Councilor Chabot passed unanimously.

On page 11 T/A Wojcik explained that the Insurance for the FTE has to be added back in, should add \$15k to that bottom line for a total of \$2, 818,487. Councilor Chabot corrected the T/A, the total should really be \$1,828,487; T/A Wojcik agreed with that number.

Councilor Sousa motioned to Approve for Insurance the bottom line total of \$2,828,487. The motion passed on a vote of 5-0-1, Councilor Sousa opposed, Councilor Pelletier abstained, related to Police Officer.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$3,000 for Tax Sale (page 11). The motion seconded by Councilor Chabot passed unanimously.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$1,250 for Budget Committee (page 12). The motion seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors Sousa and Chabot opposed.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve \$1, 500 for Hydrant Services (page 16). The motion seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed unanimously.

T/A Wojcik explained the School Resource Officer is an offset, shown in the negative.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the negative Offset figure of \$55,793 for the School Resource Officer. The motion seconded by Councilor P. Mello passed on a vote of 6-1, Councilor Sousa opposed.

A ten minute break was taken at 1:10 pm for T/A Wojcik to recalculate the bottom line.

#### **4. Revenues**

Administrator Wojcik distributed the new budget totals, noted the Municipal side expenses were up 4.8% and the bottom line total of all expenses were up 2.2%. Confirmed with School Committee Chair Sally Black the estimated school aid figure was \$6,148,224. That brought total revenues up to \$10,372,277.

Councilor Pelletier motioned to Approve the Revenues number of \$10,372,277 which encapsulates the attachment and updated estimate from Chairwoman Black for \$6,148,224 for School Aid. The motion seconded by Councilor Perry passed unanimously.

#### **5. Final Discussion and Possible Vote for Approval of FY 2016/2017 Budget**

Councilor Pelletier motioned to approve the bottom line (Grand Total – General Fund Expenses \$49,560,375 referenced from the 3/5/16 updated handout distributed by the Town Administrator) and all the changes made to the referenced document called the Recommended Tiverton General Fund Annual Budget FY 2016/2017 dated March 5, 2016. The motion seconded by Councilor Perry passed on a vote of 5-2, Councilors Sousa and Chabot opposed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilor Chabot motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Perry. The motion passed unanimously.

The special meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

**A True Copy.**

**ATTEST:**

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Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk